

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST™



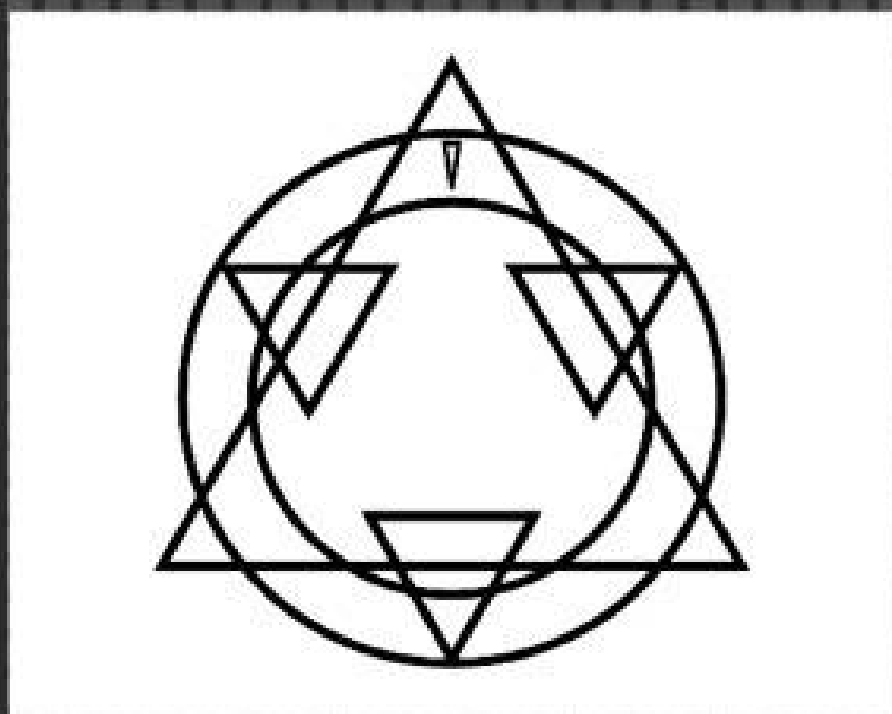
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Apparently, when my neighbor's 3-year-old daughter found out that I'm a manga artist, she said with a sparkle in her eyes, "I wonder if she draws princesses and stuff?" Sorry little girl, I only draw grubby old men.

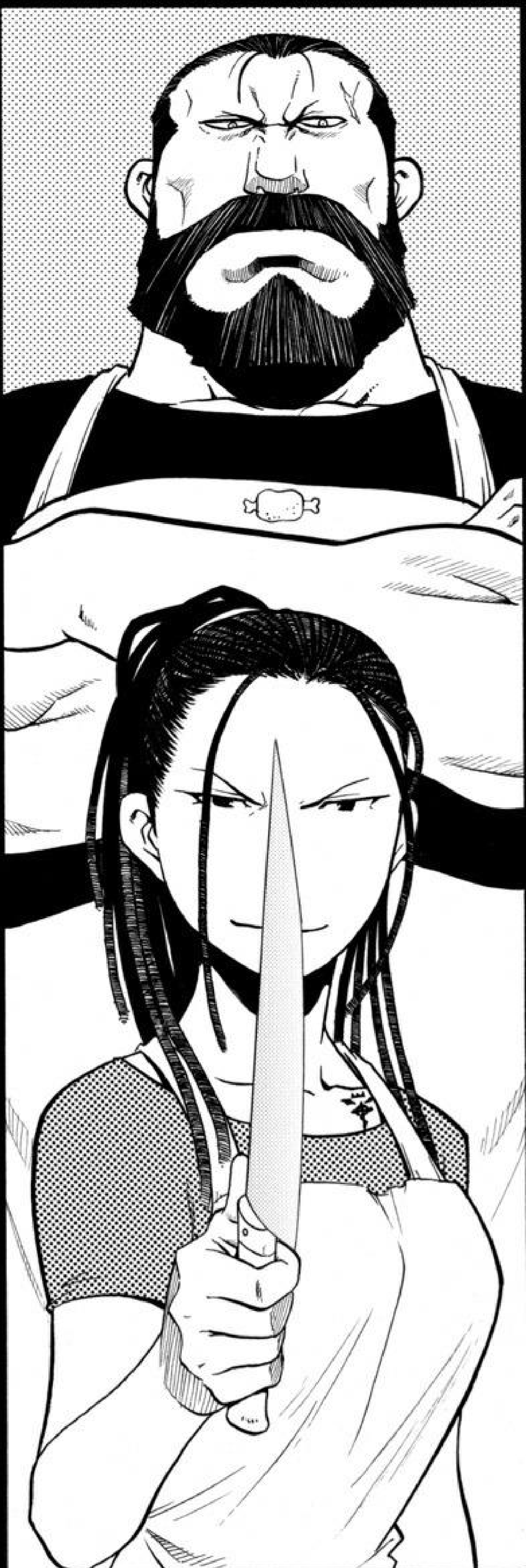
—Hiromu Arakawa, 2003



Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga *Stray Dog*. Her series *Fullmetal Alchemist* debuted in 2001 in Square Enix's monthly manga anthology *Shonen Gangan*.



FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST



金の錬金術師
FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

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H I R O M U
A R A K A W A

荒川弘



鋼の錬金術師

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CHARACTERS

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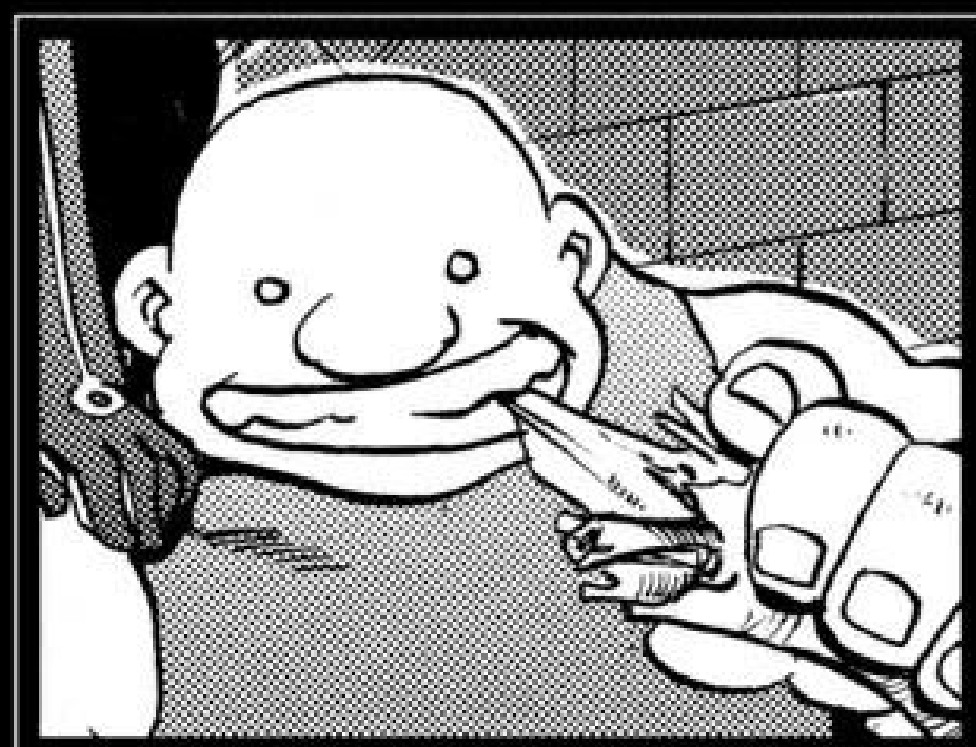
□ ウィンリィ・ロックベル

Winry Rockbell



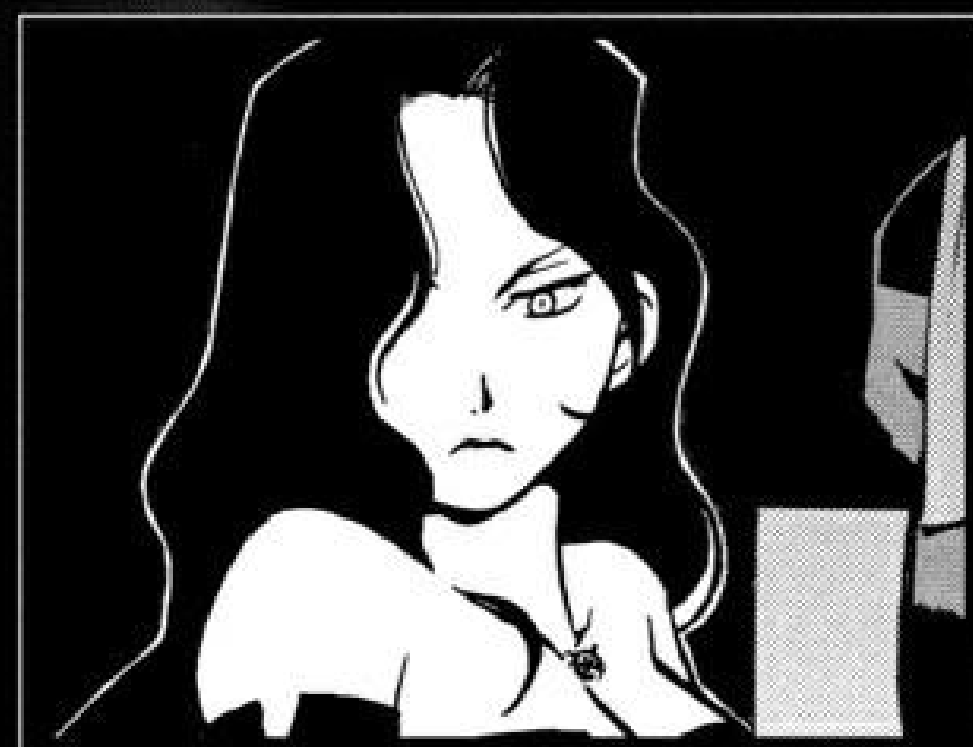
□ イズミ・カーティス

Izumi Curtis



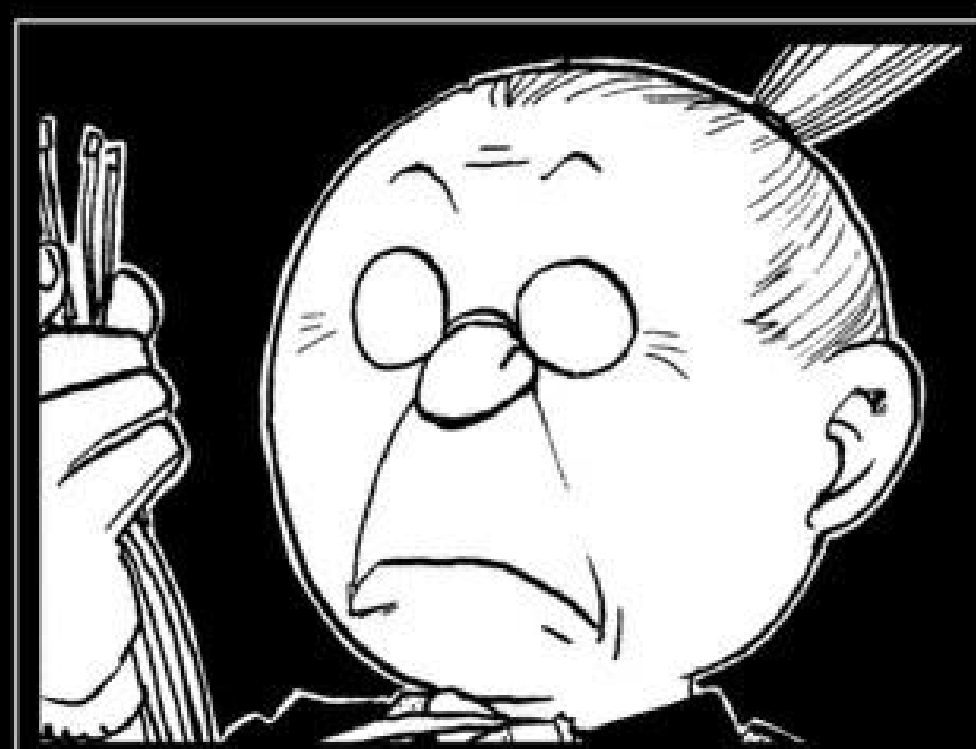
□ グラトニー

Gluttony



□ ラスト

Lust



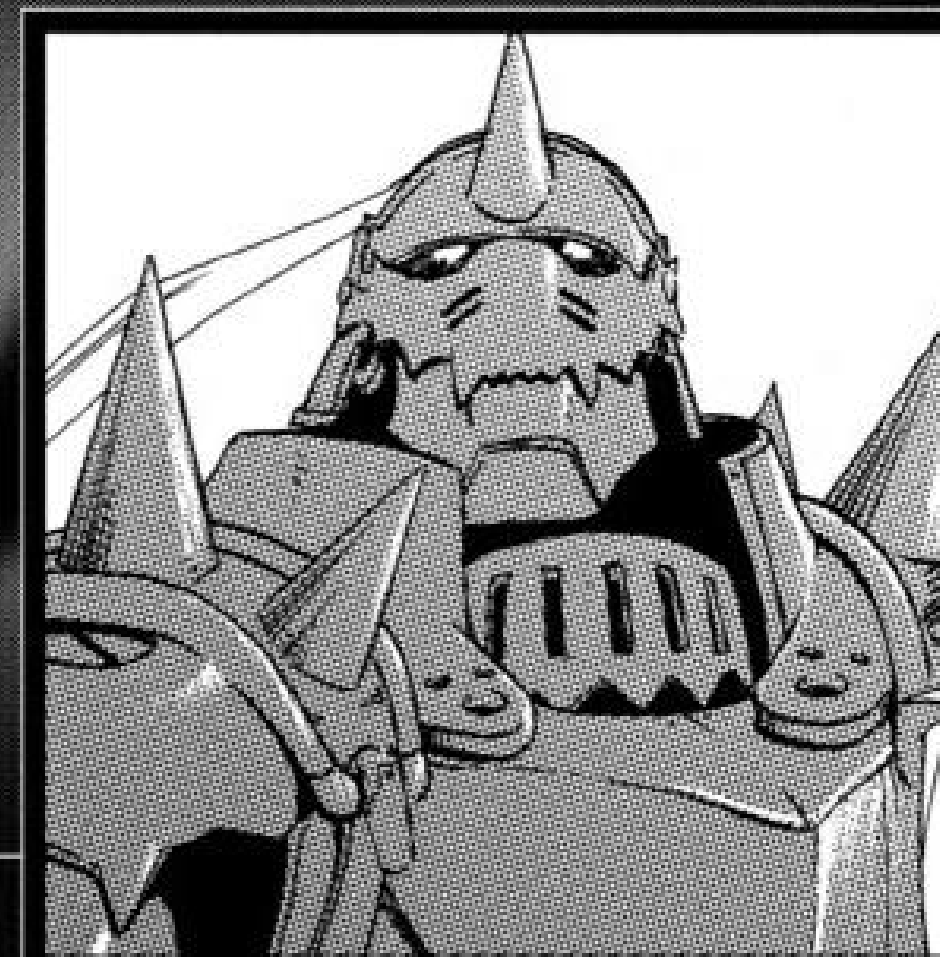
□ ピナコ・ロックベル

Pinako Rockbell



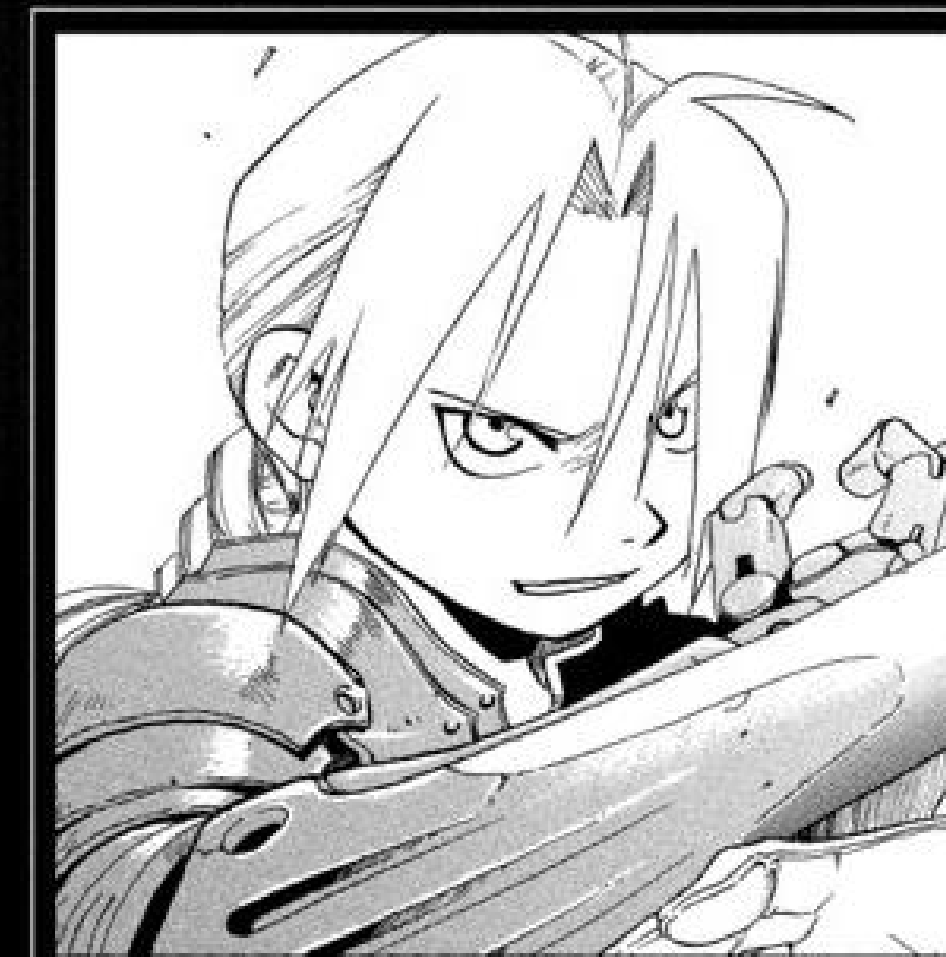
□ エンヴィー

Envy



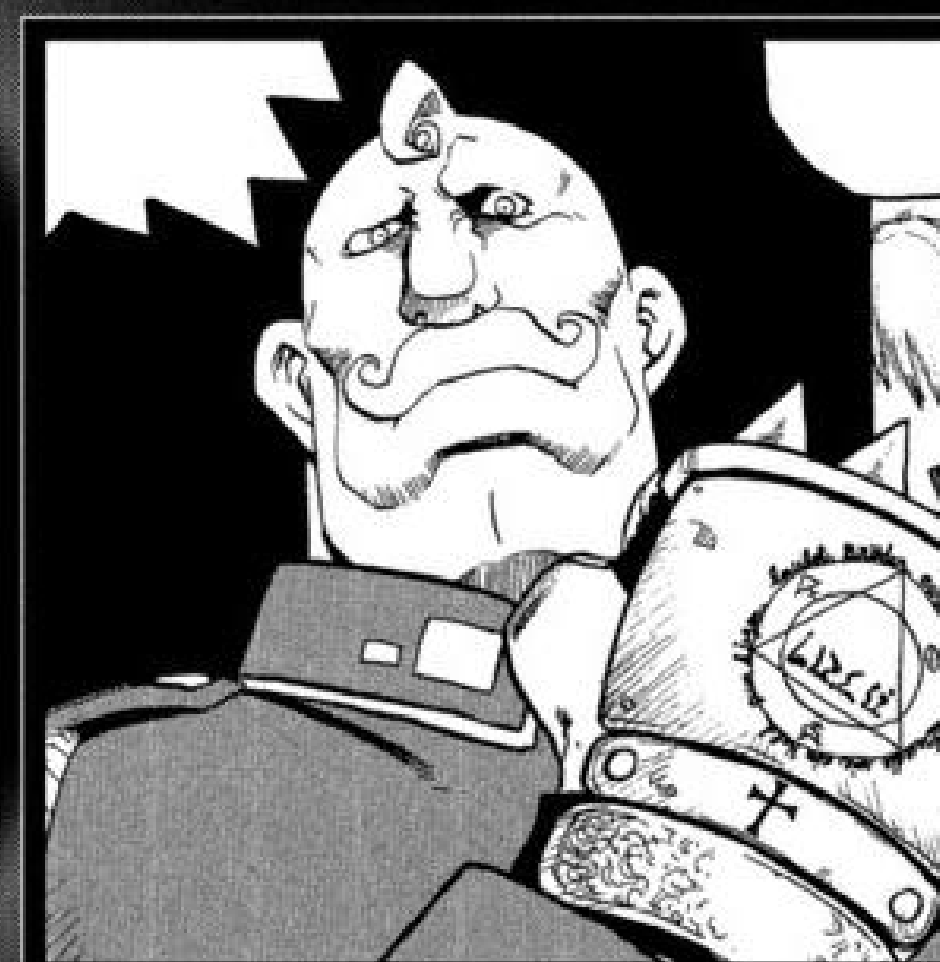
□ アルフォンス・エルリック

Alphonse Elric



□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング

Alex Louis Armstrong

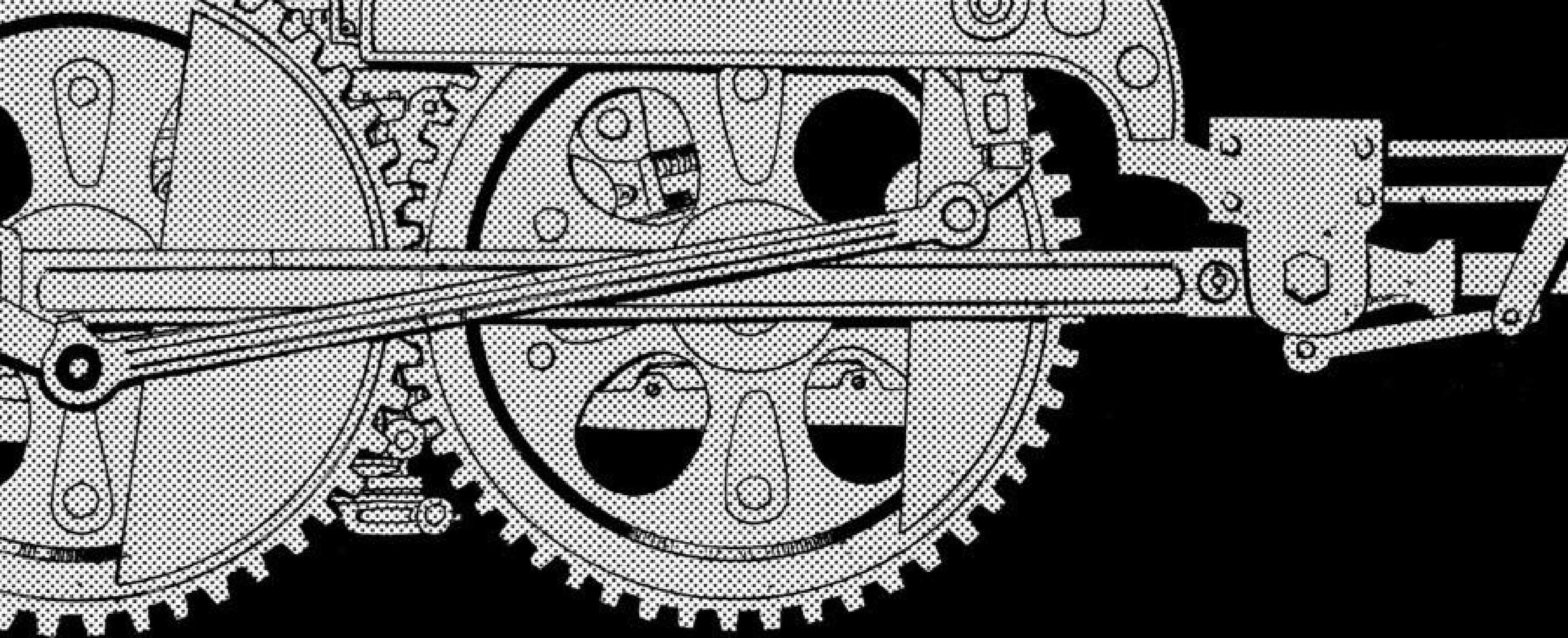


□ ロイ・マスタング

Roy Mustang

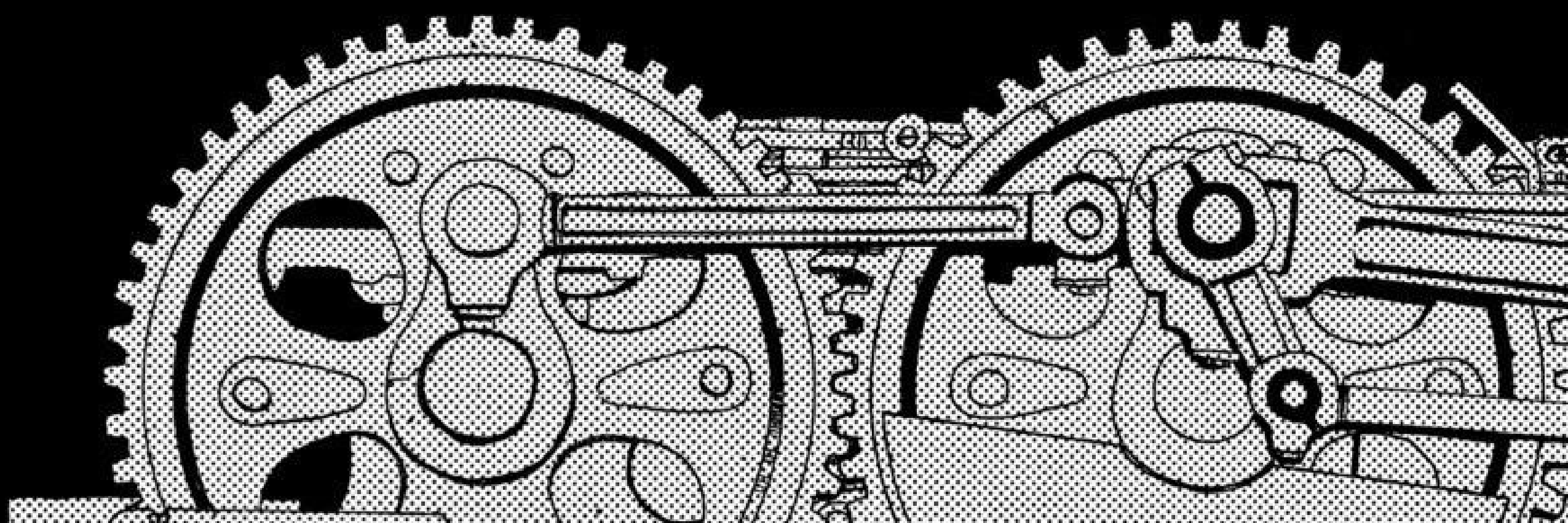
Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist, serving the military on deadly missions. Now, the two brothers roam the world in search of a way to regain what they have lost...

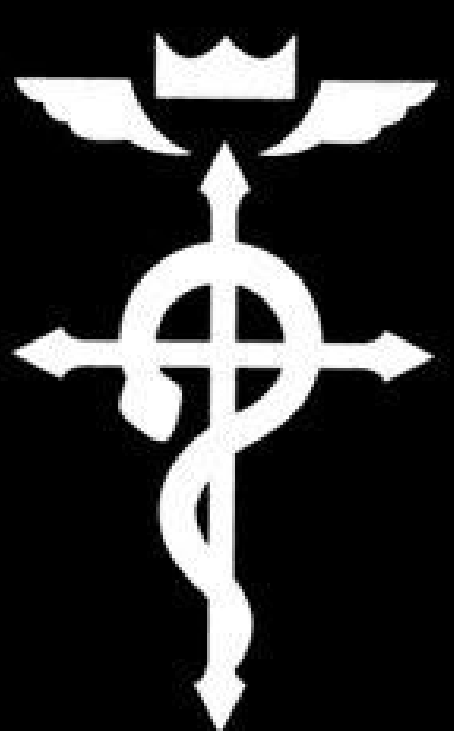
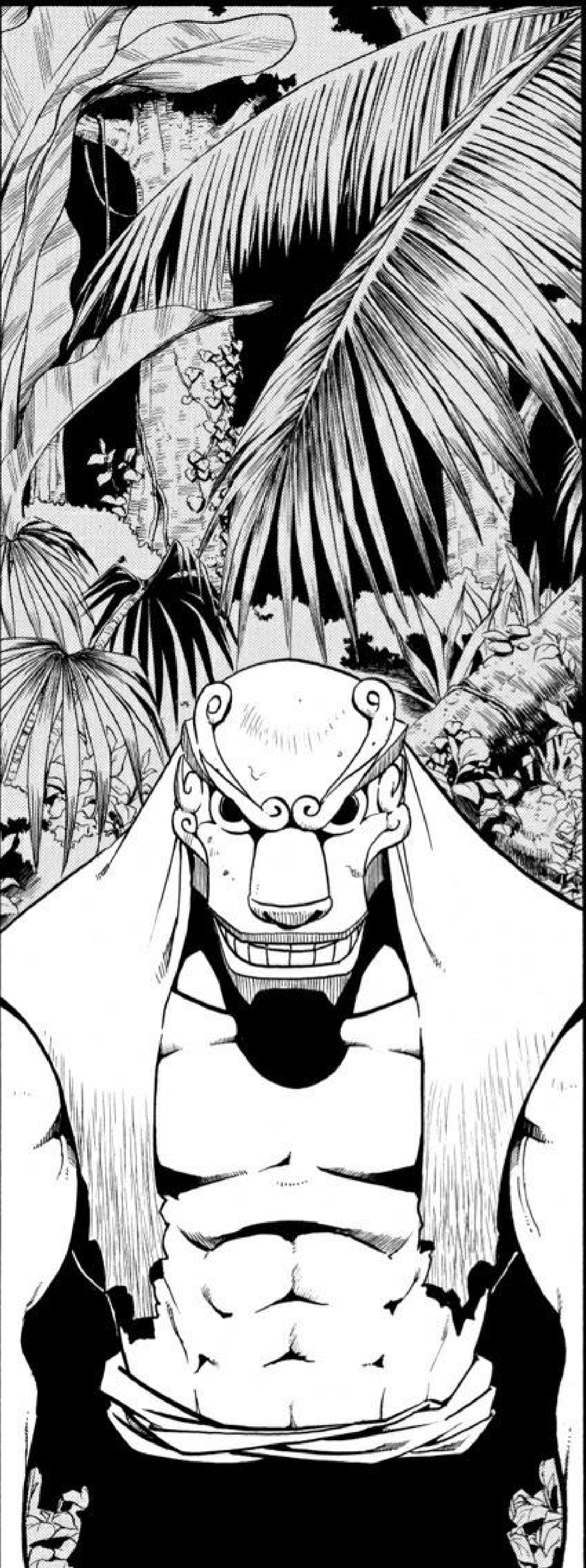
Feeling unprepared to face the dangers ahead, the Elric brothers return to their old alchemy teacher, Izumi Curtis, for advice. In a flashback to the past, we see how the Elric brothers first met their teacher, shortly after the death of their mother. Reluctant to take on apprentices, but impressed by the brothers' determination, Izumi agrees to train them...but only if they can survive for one full month on a dangerous island...



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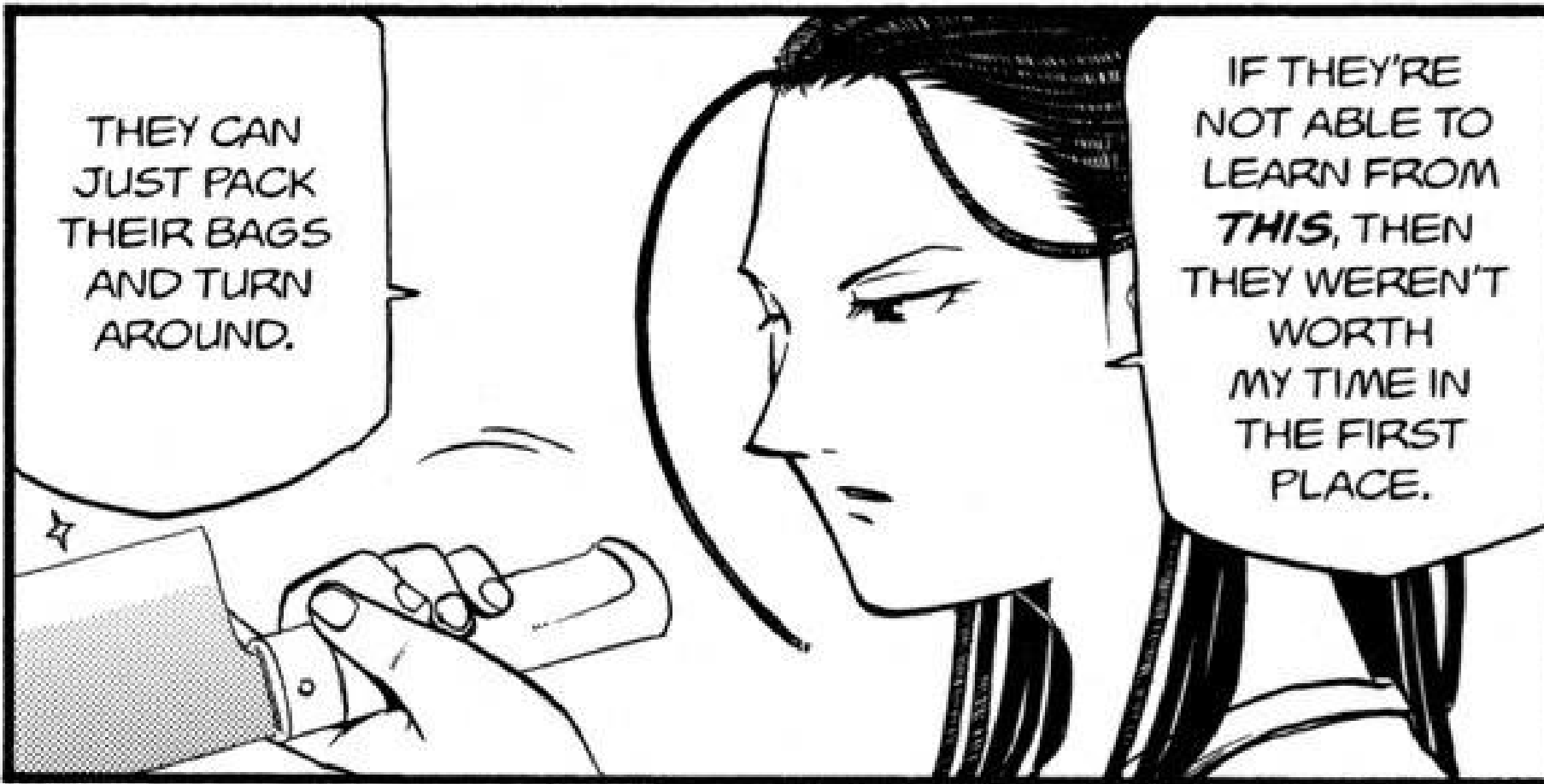
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THEY SAY
"KNOW-
LEDGE
CAN NEVER
REPLACE
EXPER-
IENCE."

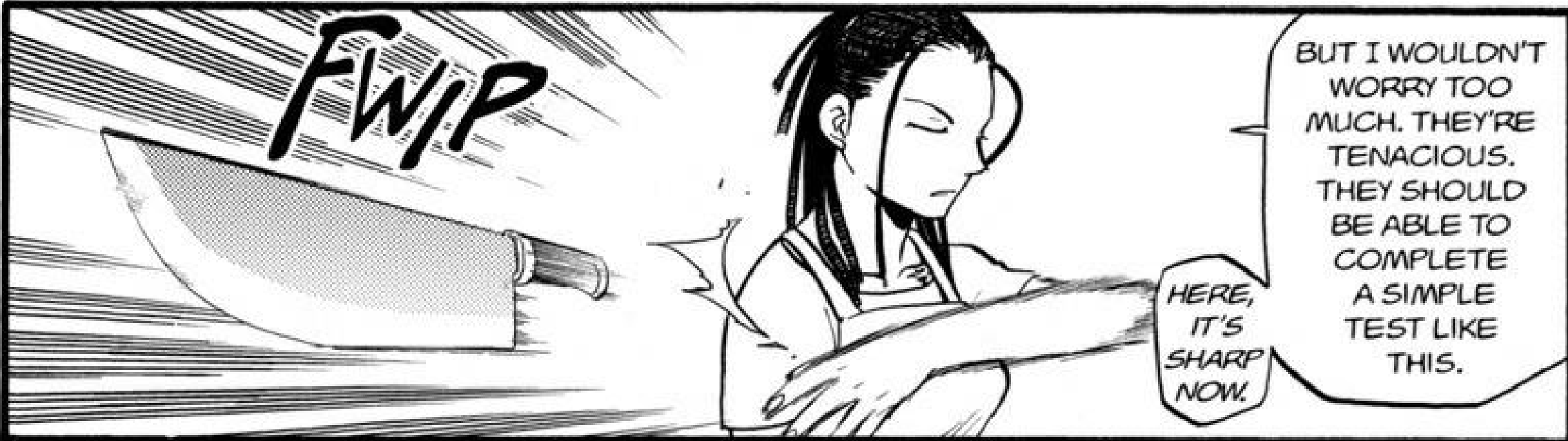
ARE YOU
SURE
THOSE
TWO ARE
GOING
TO BE
OKAY?

TRUST ME.
THIS IS THE
BEST WAY TO
POUND THE
BASICS OF
ALCHEMY
INTO
THEIR VERY
BONES.



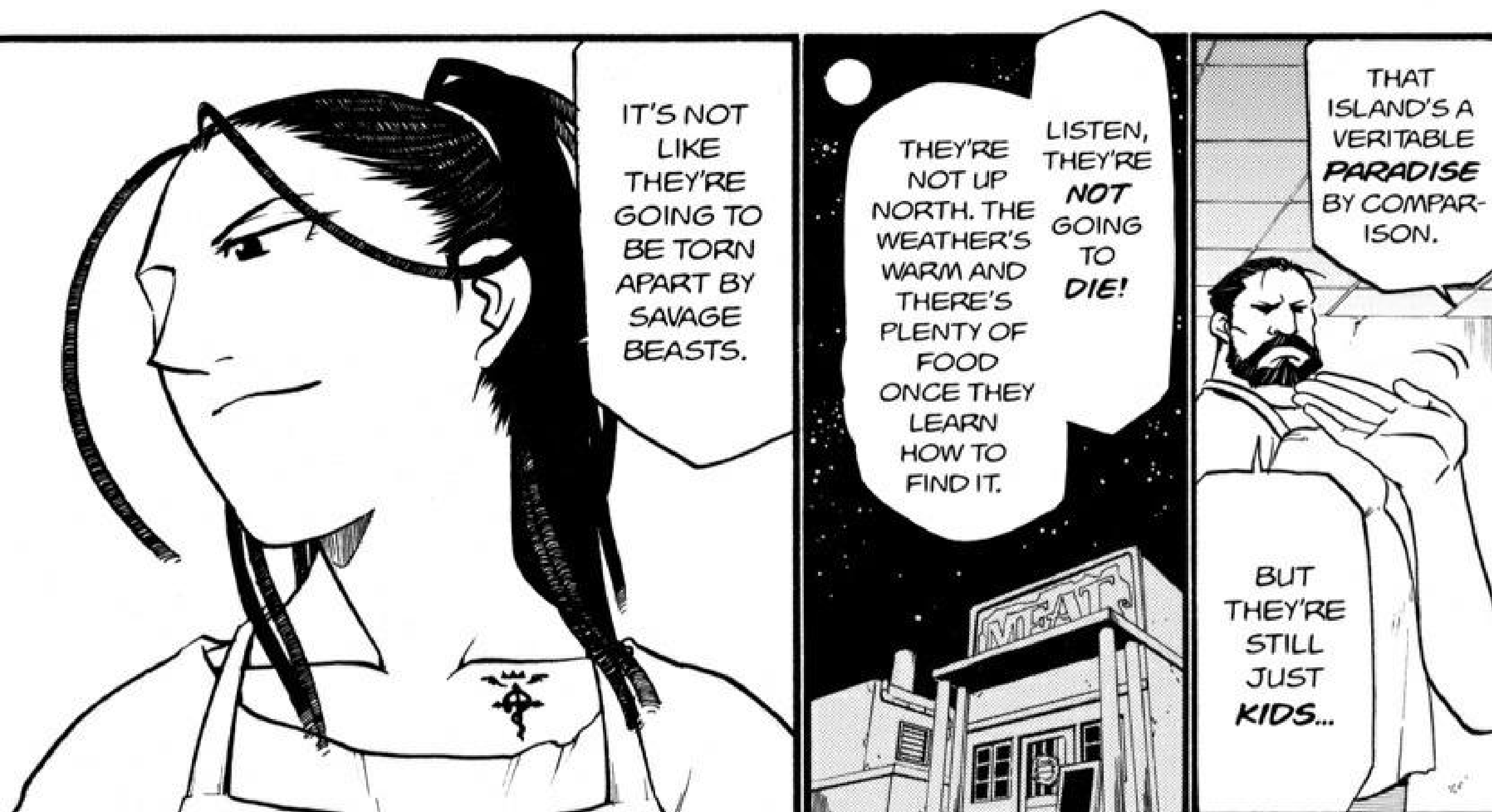
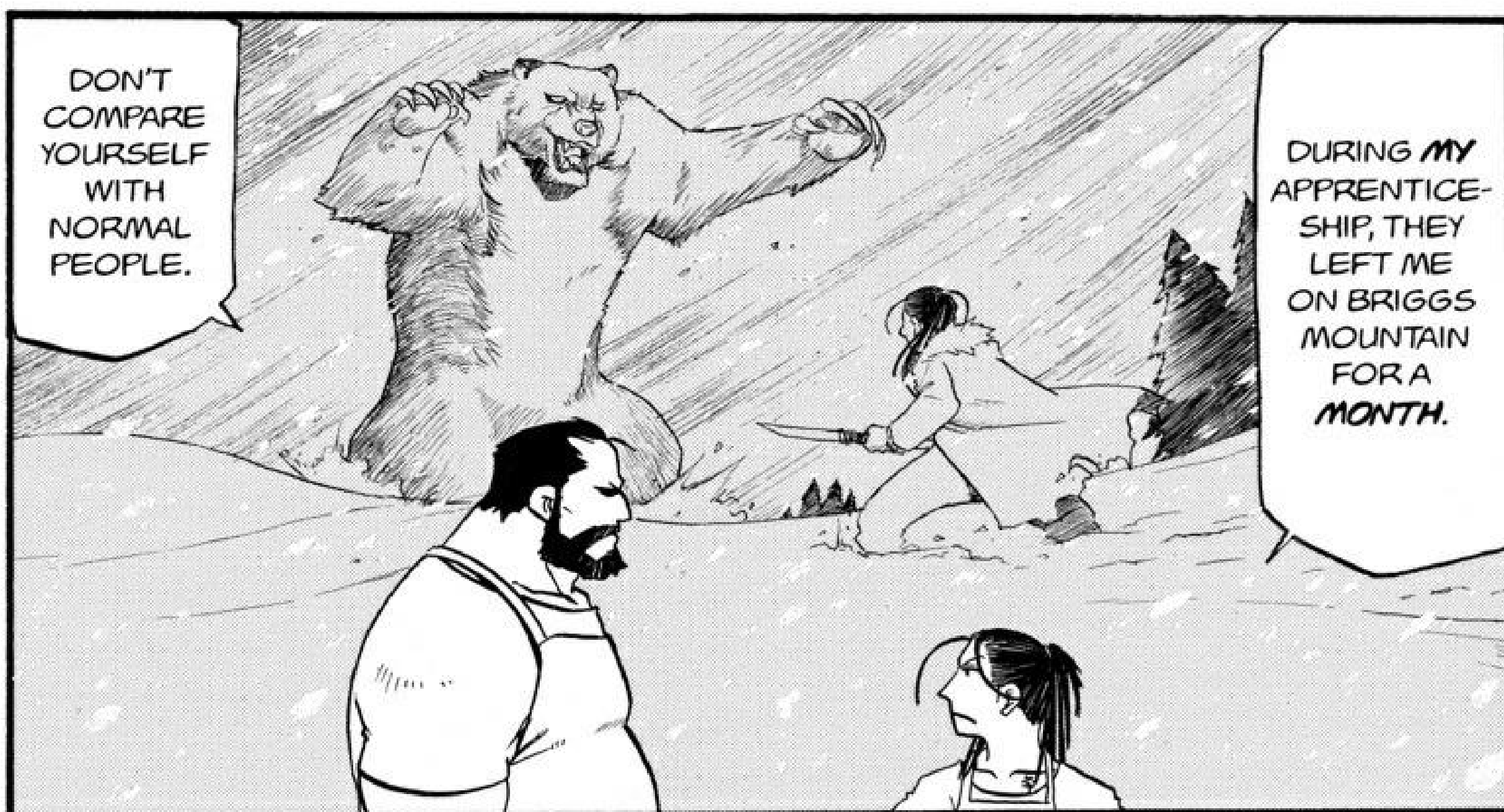
THEY CAN
JUST PACK
THEIR BAGS
AND TURN
AROUND.

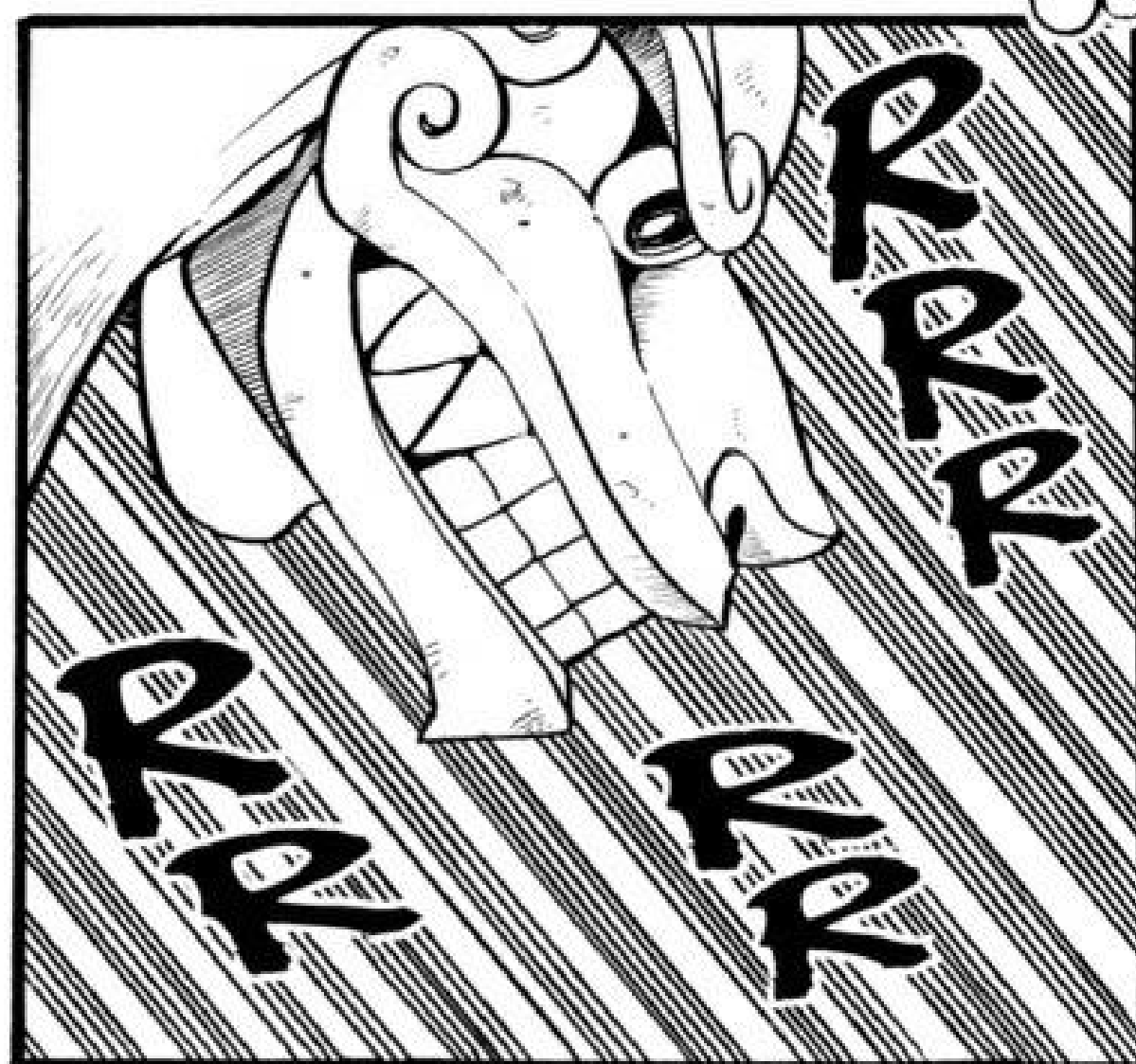
IF THEY'RE
NOT ABLE TO
LEARN FROM
THIS, THEN
THEY WEREN'T
WORTH
MY TIME IN
THE FIRST
PLACE.



HERE,
IT'S
SHARP
NOW.

BUT I WOULDN'T
WORRY TOO
MUCH. THEY'RE
TENACIOUS.
THEY SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
COMPLETE
A SIMPLE
TEST LIKE
THIS.

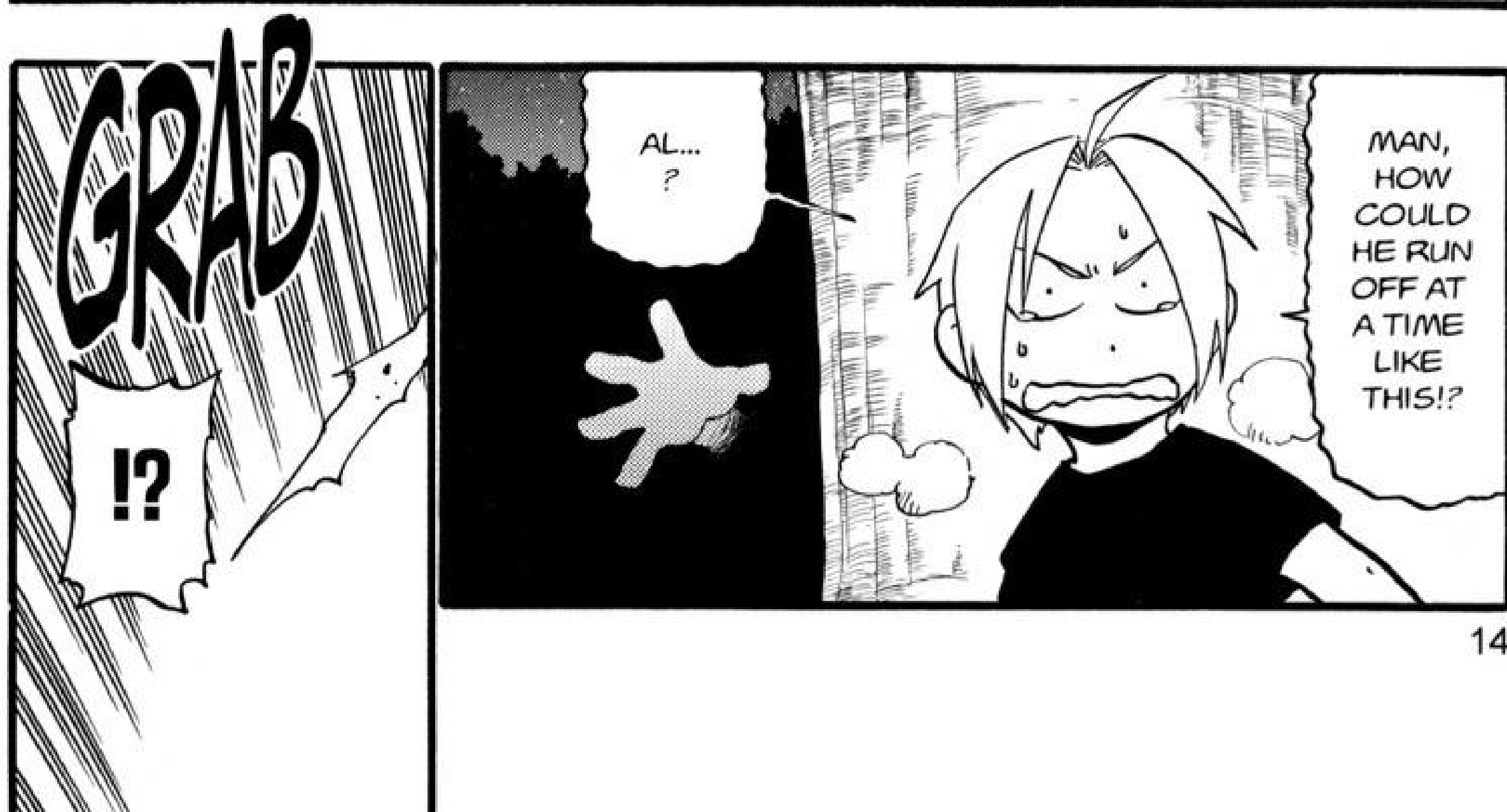


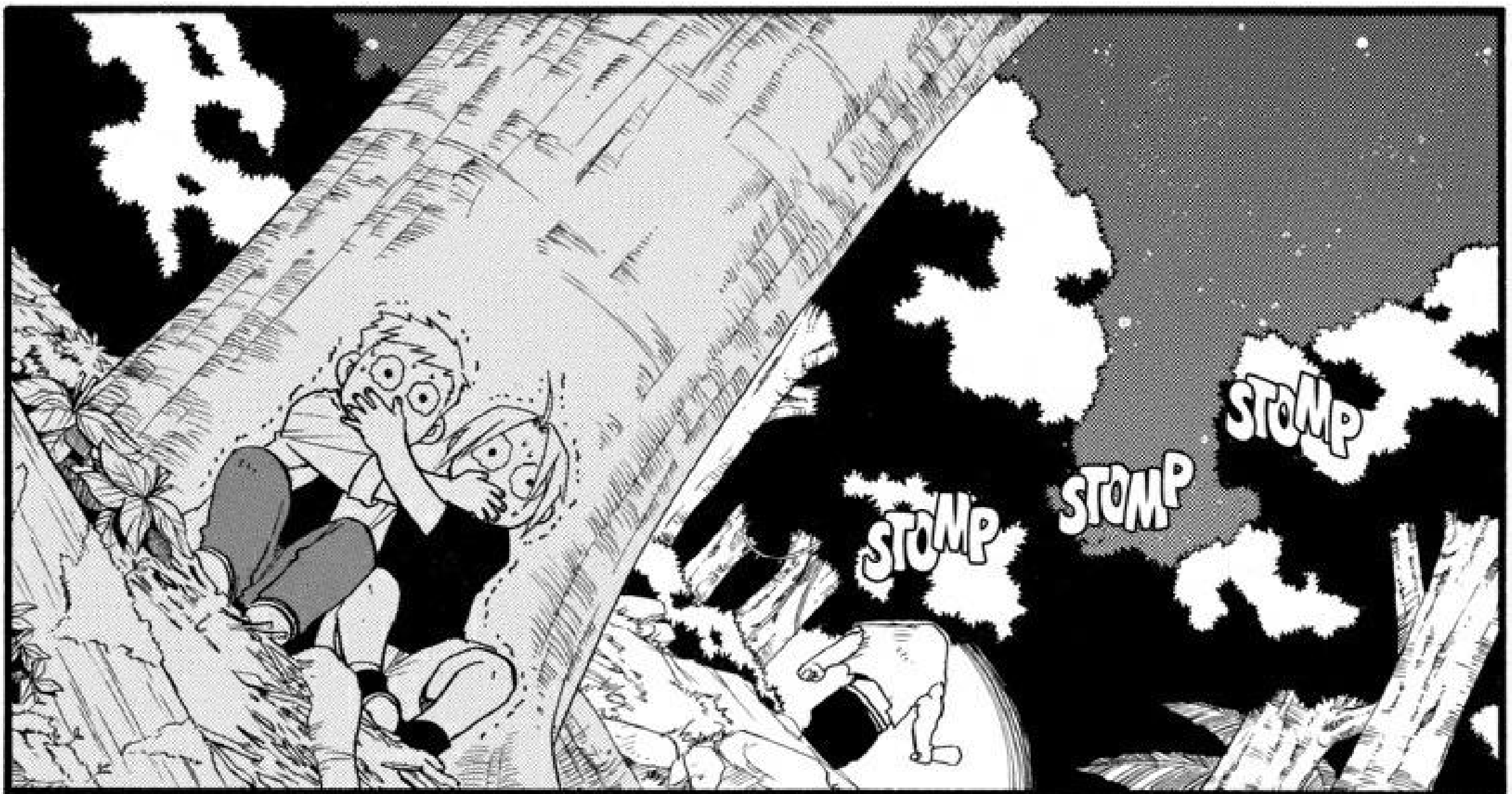




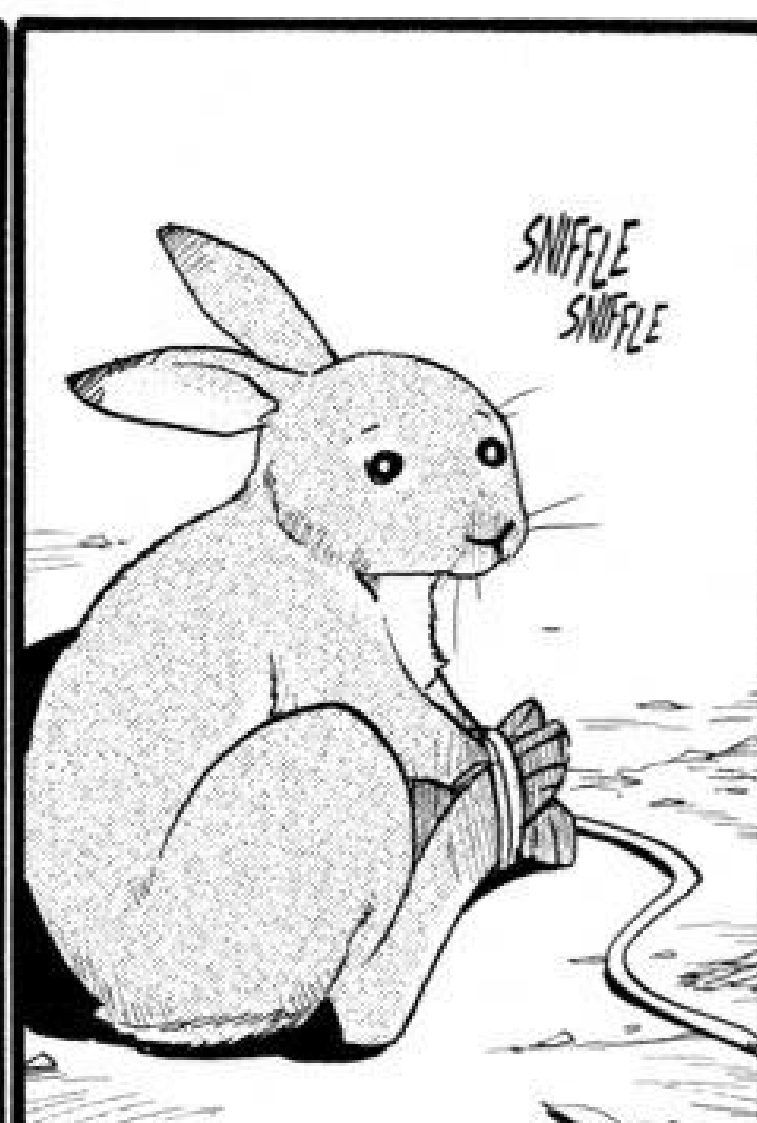
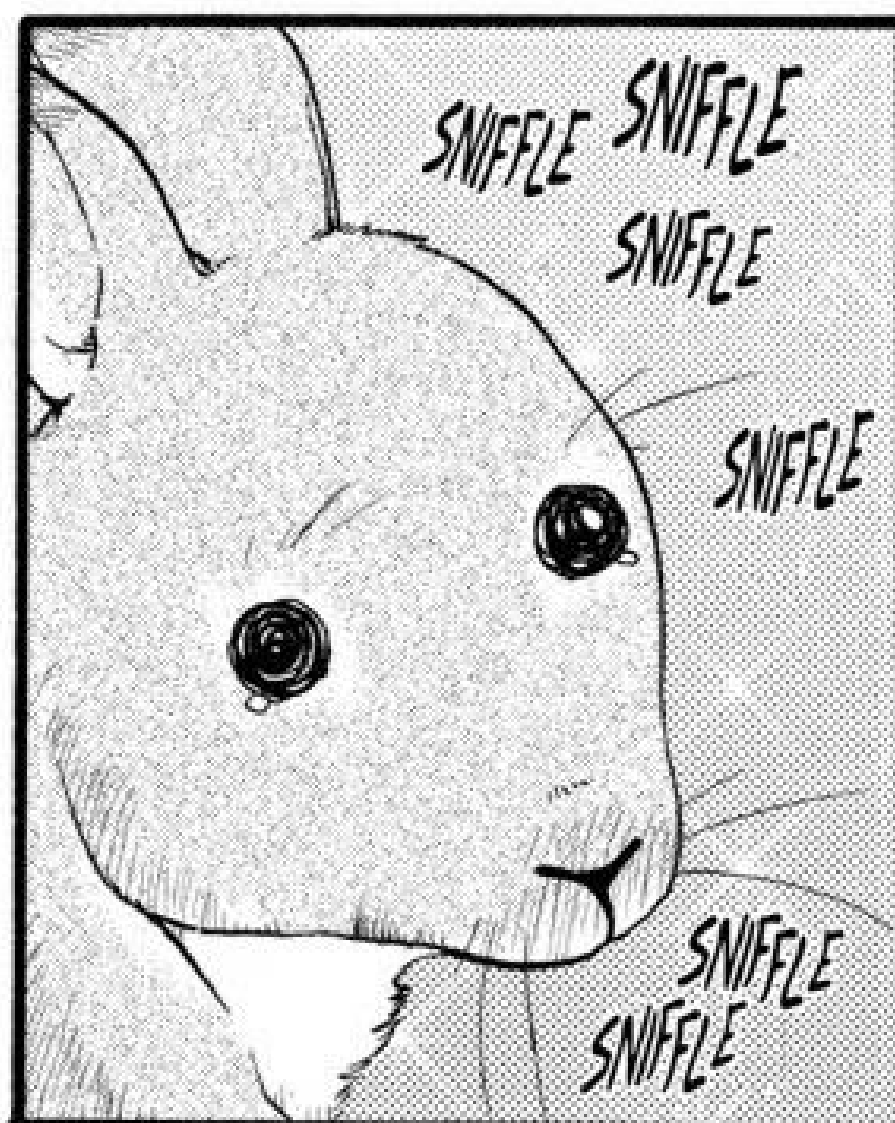
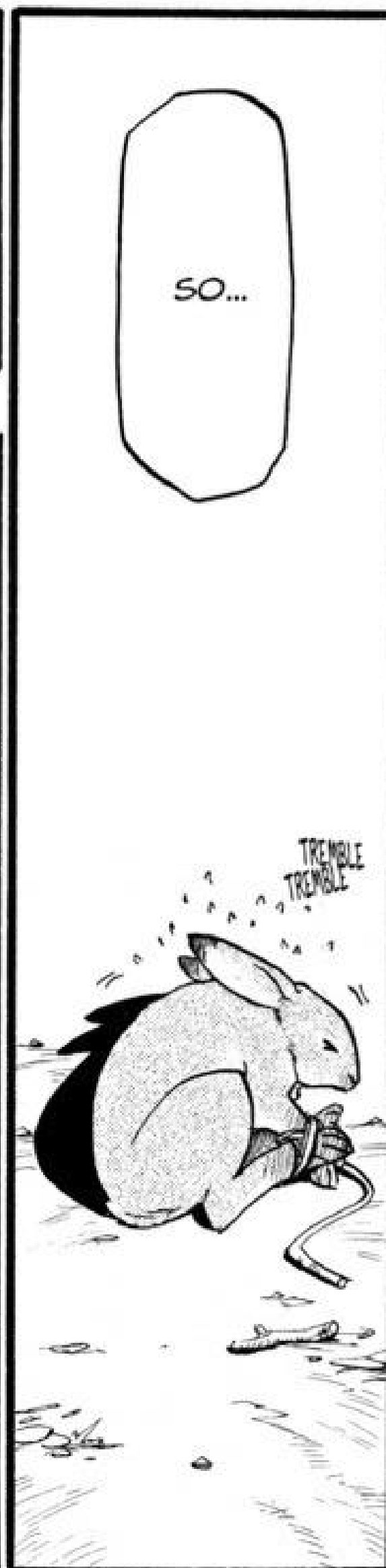


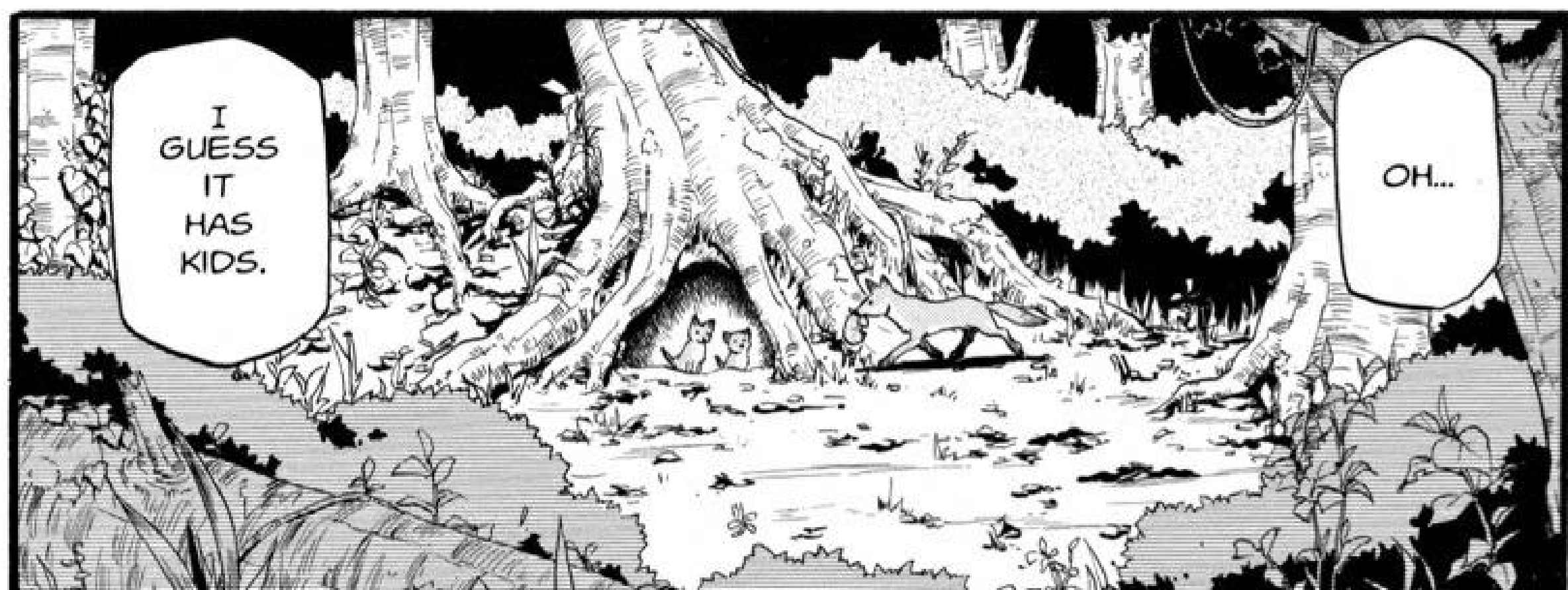


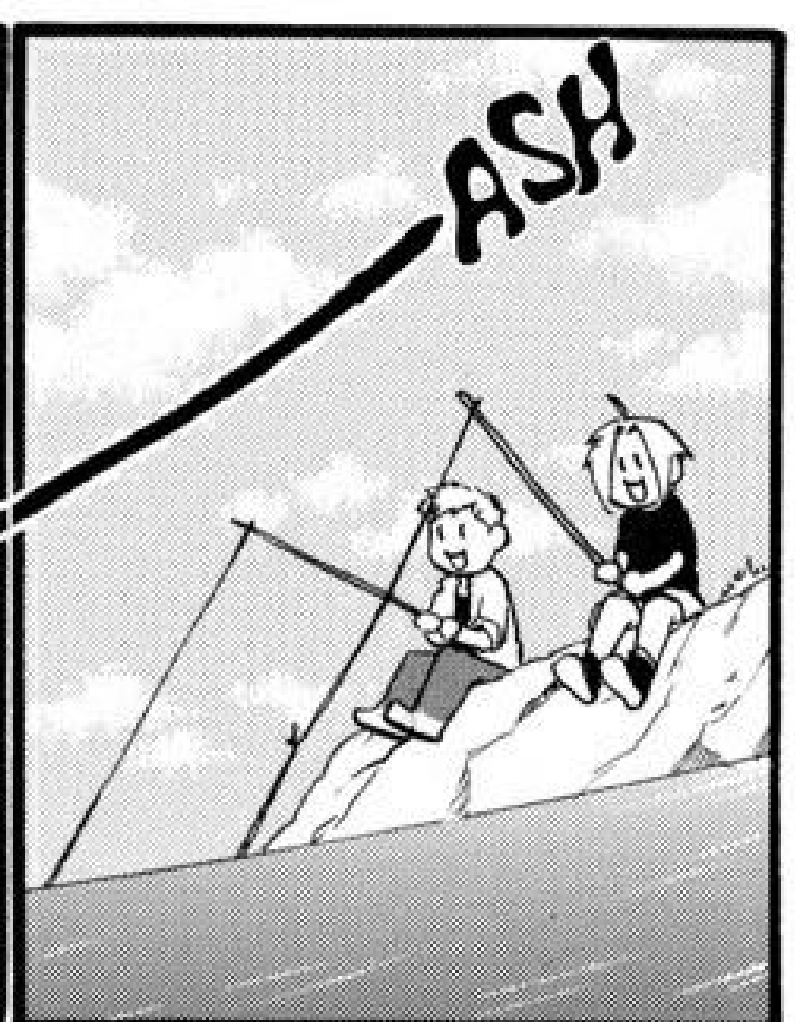
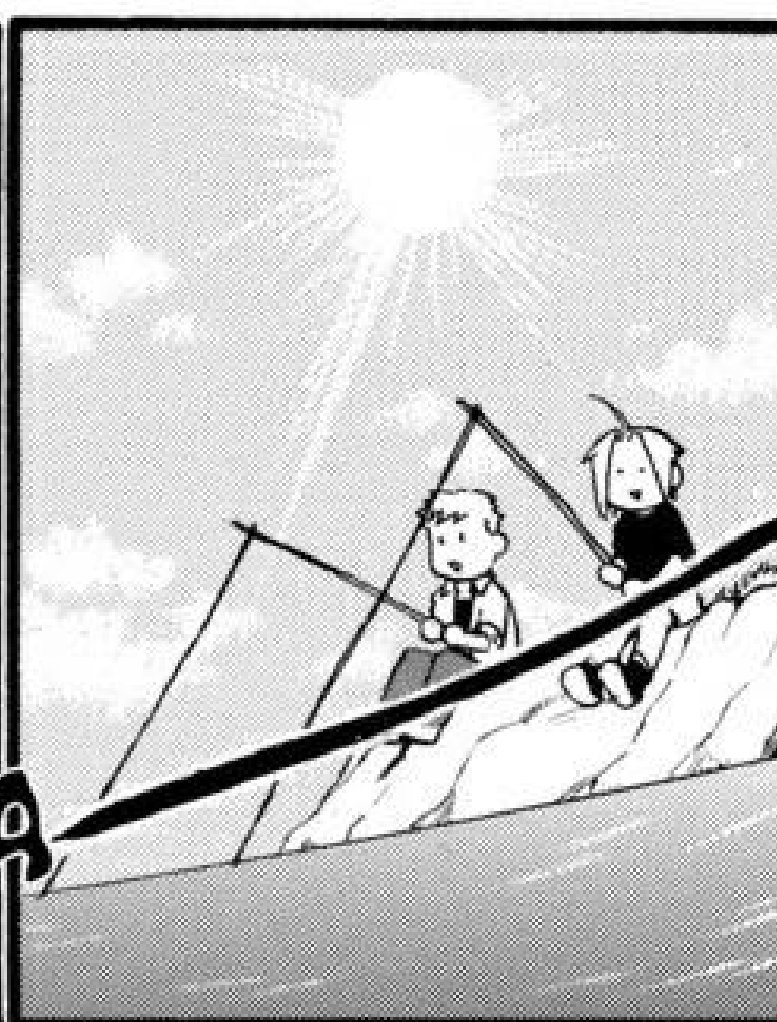
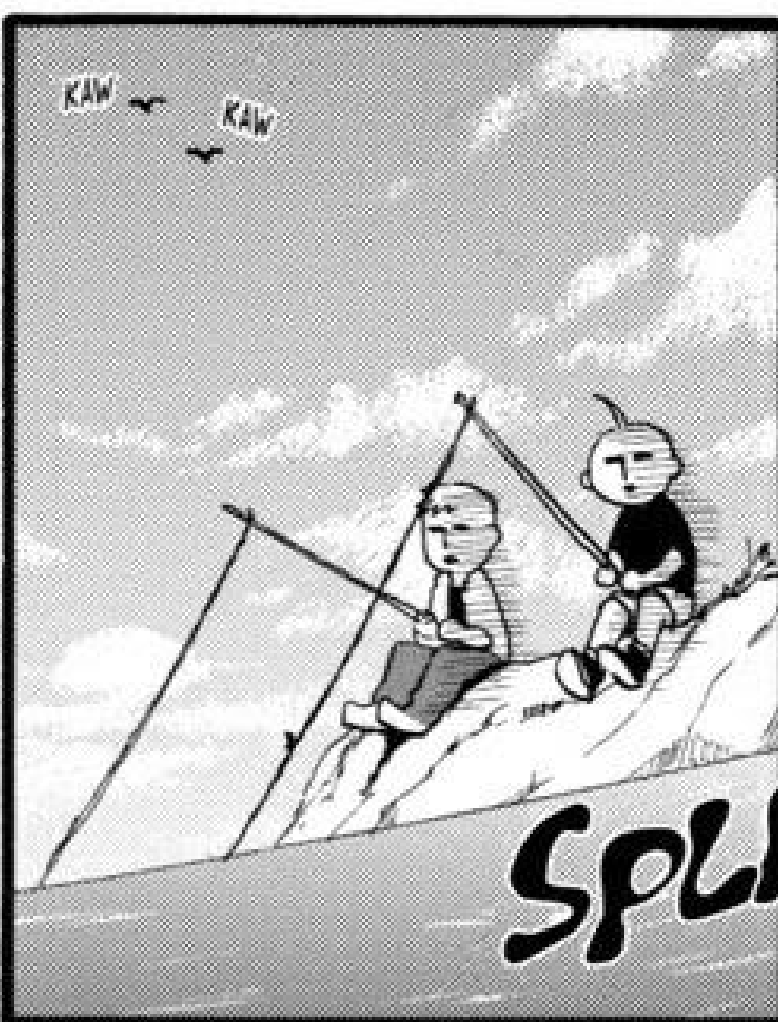
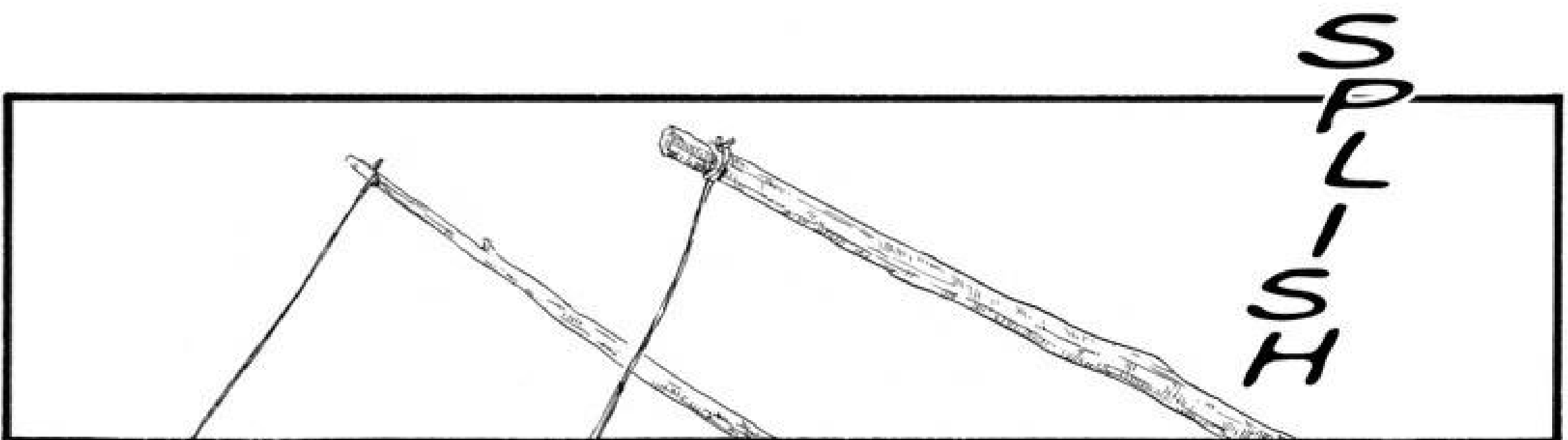
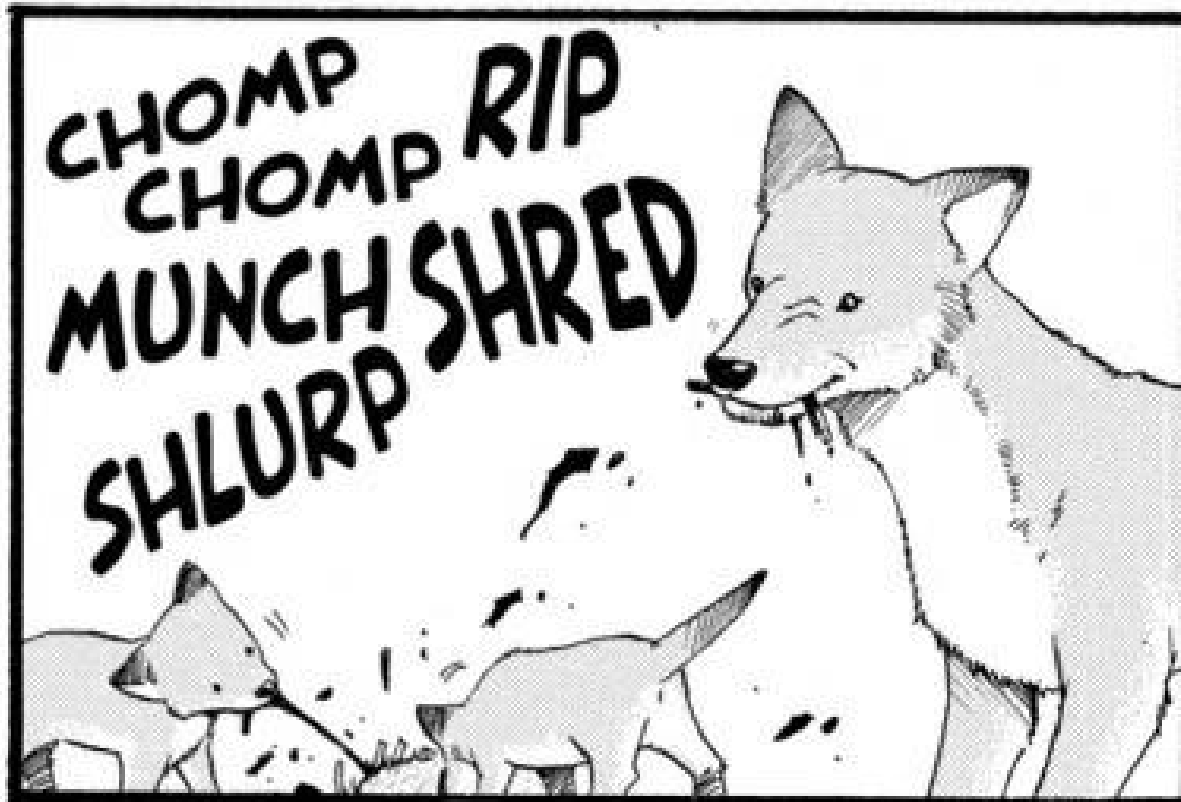


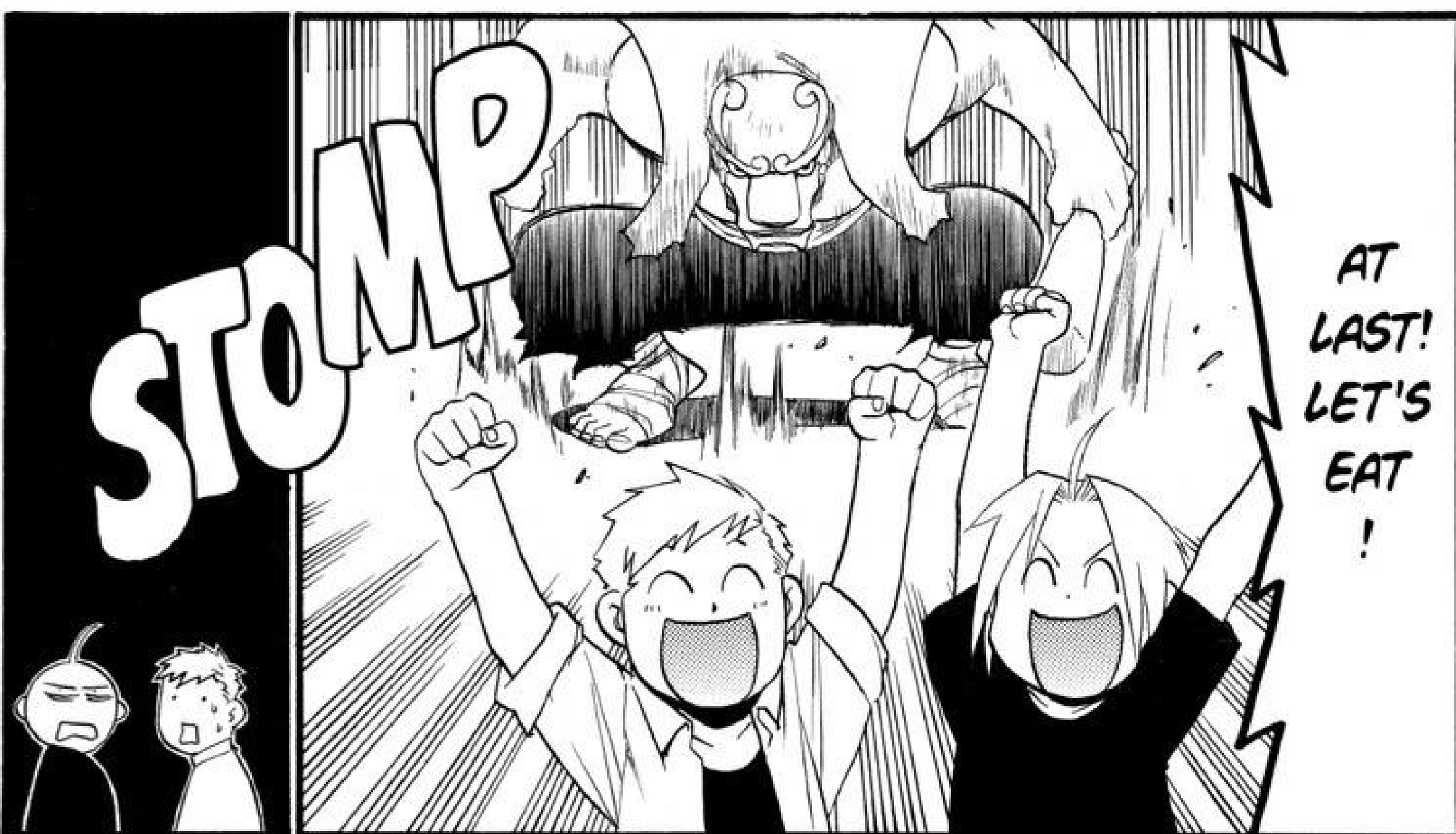
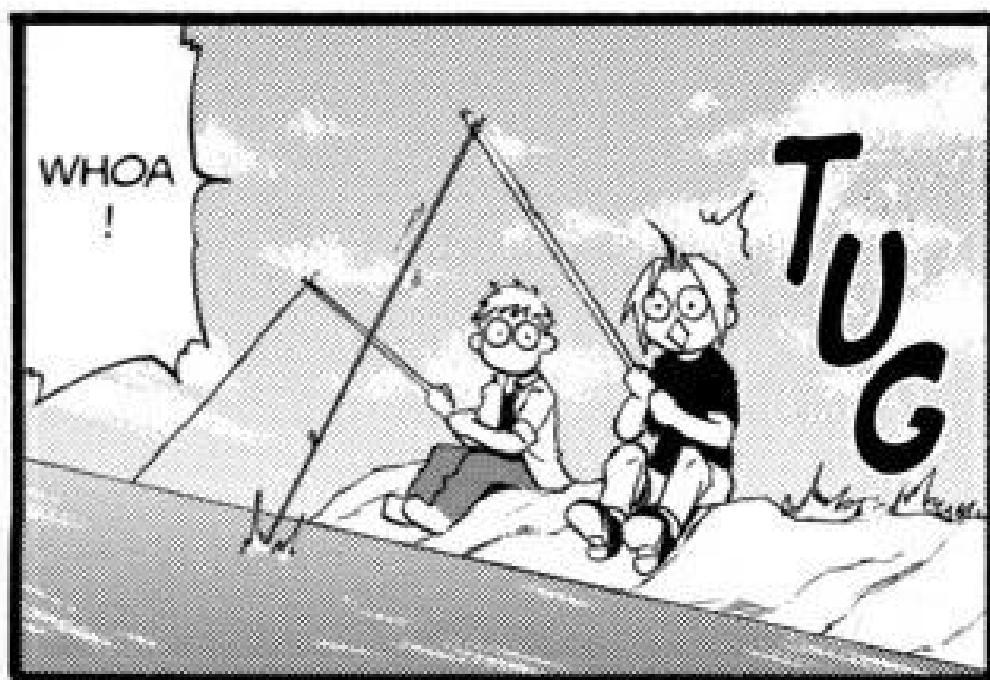


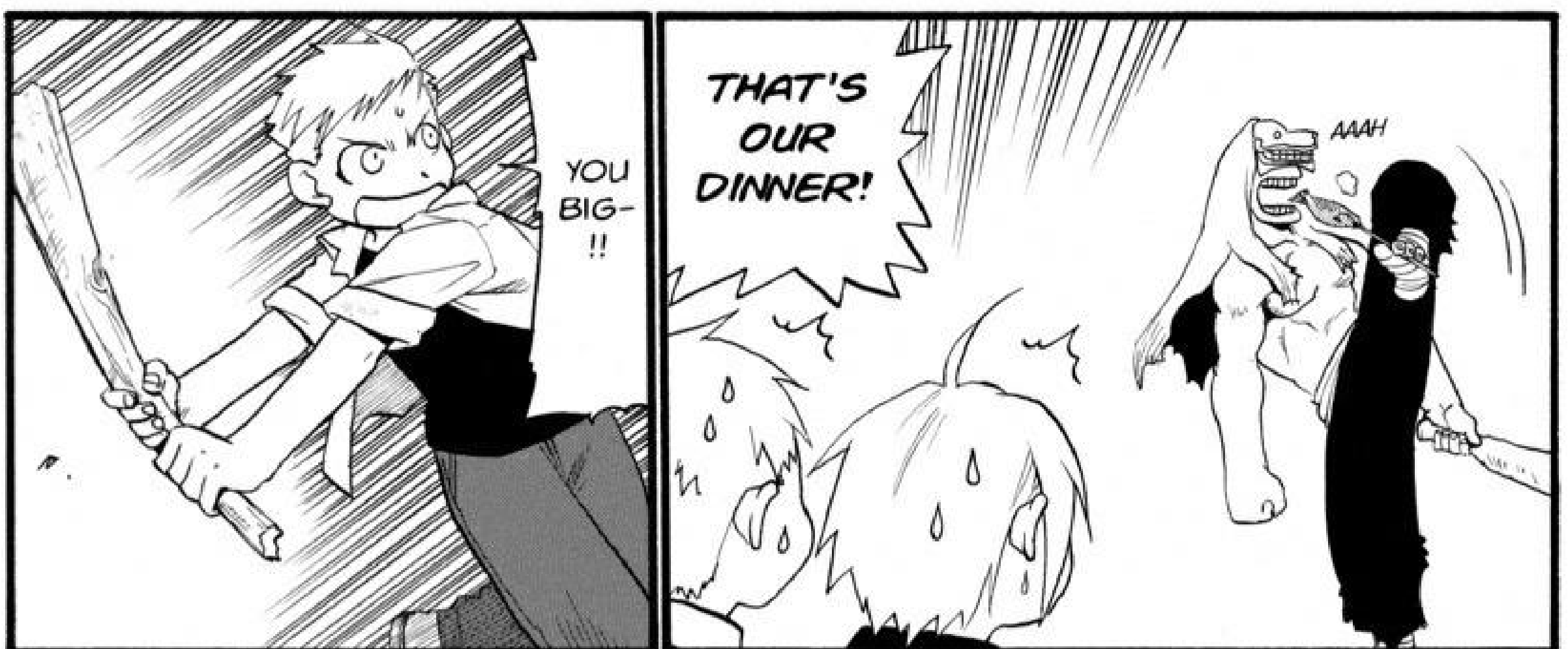
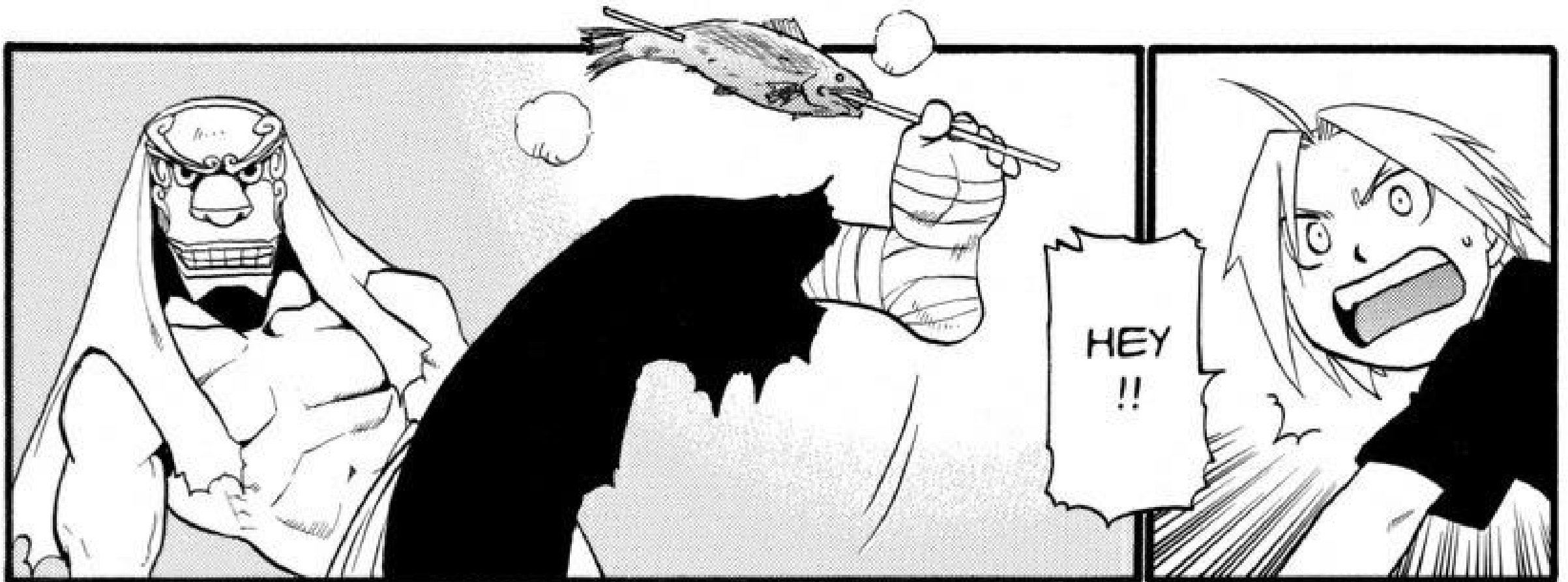
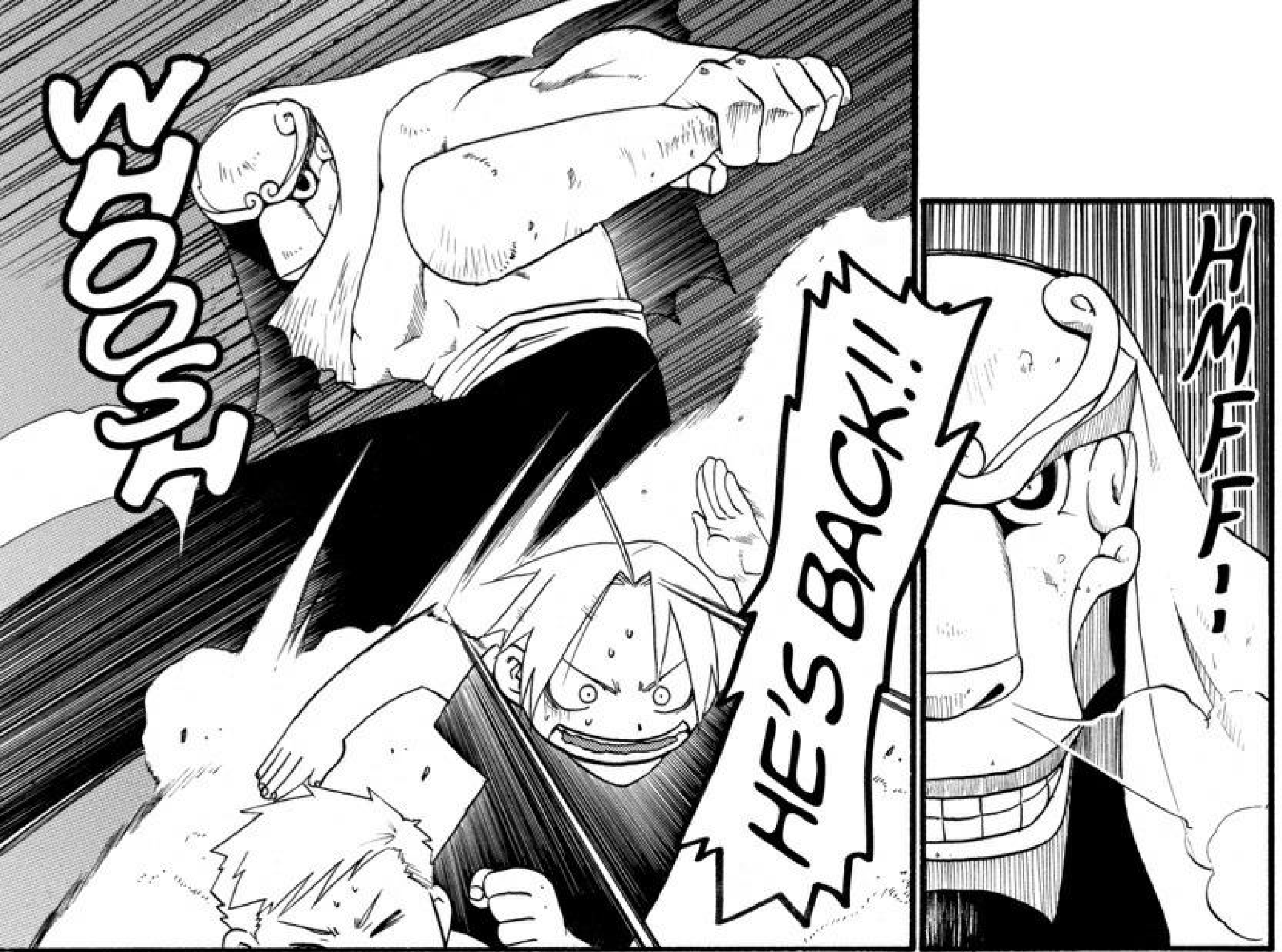


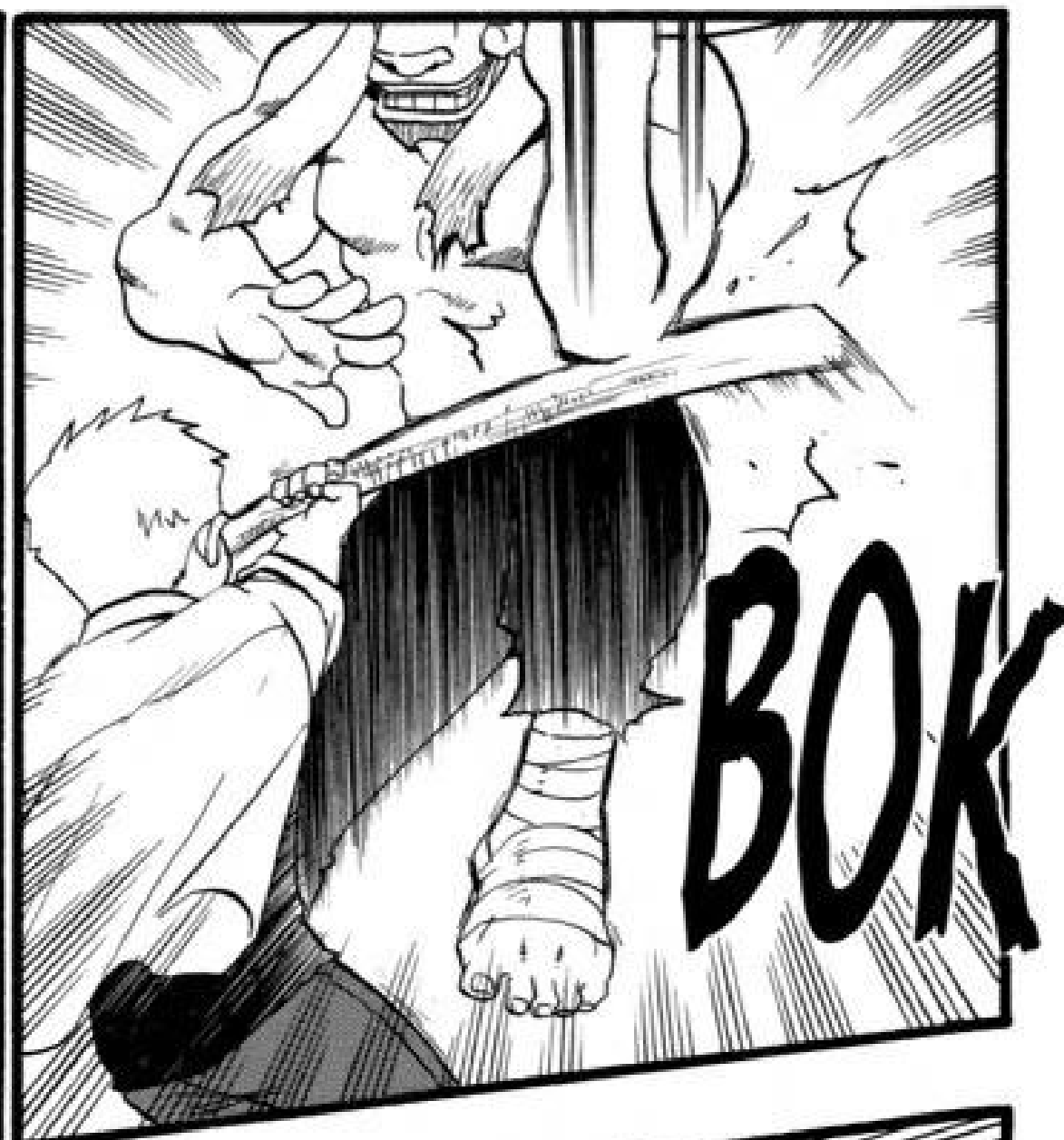




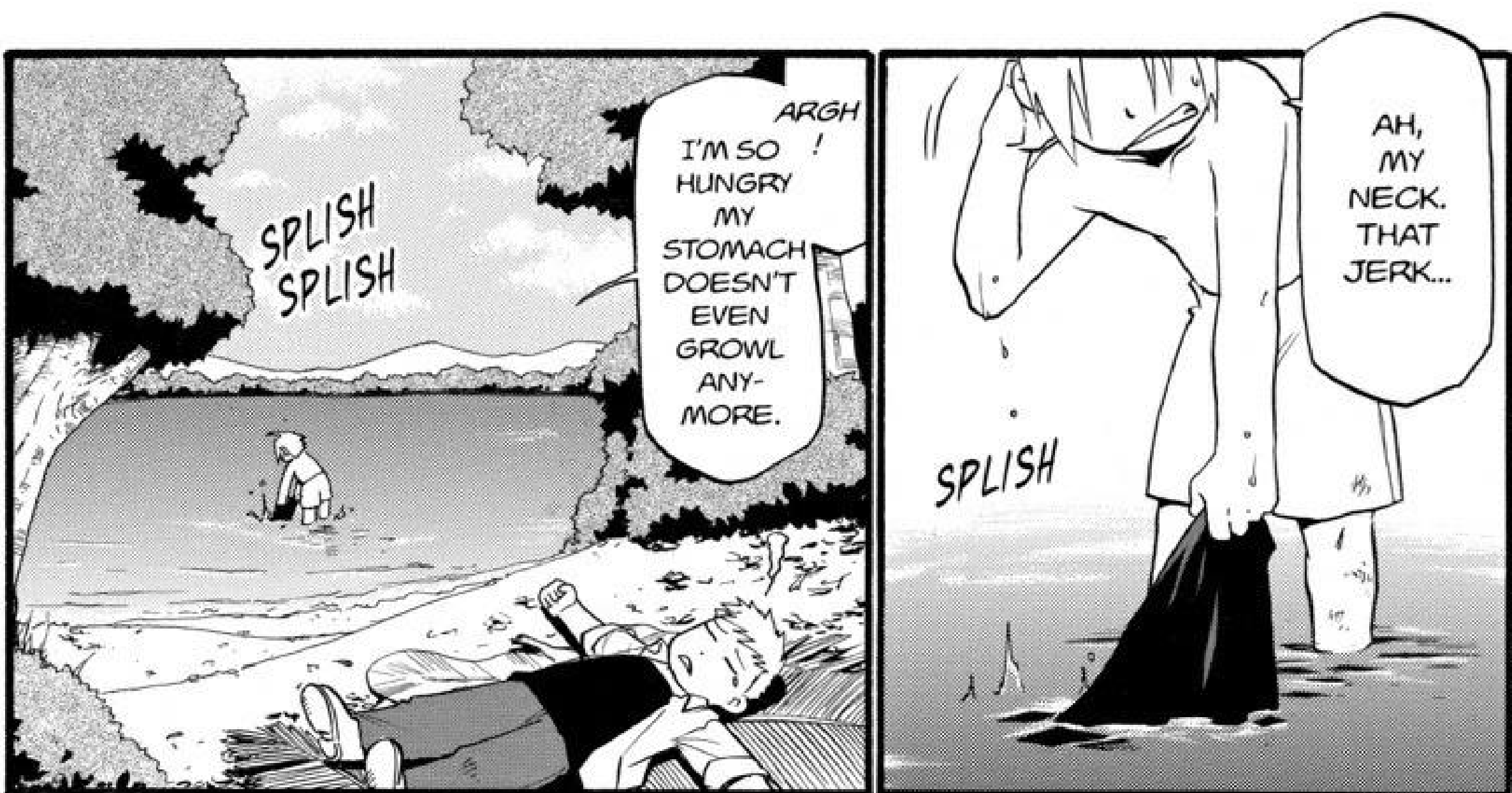


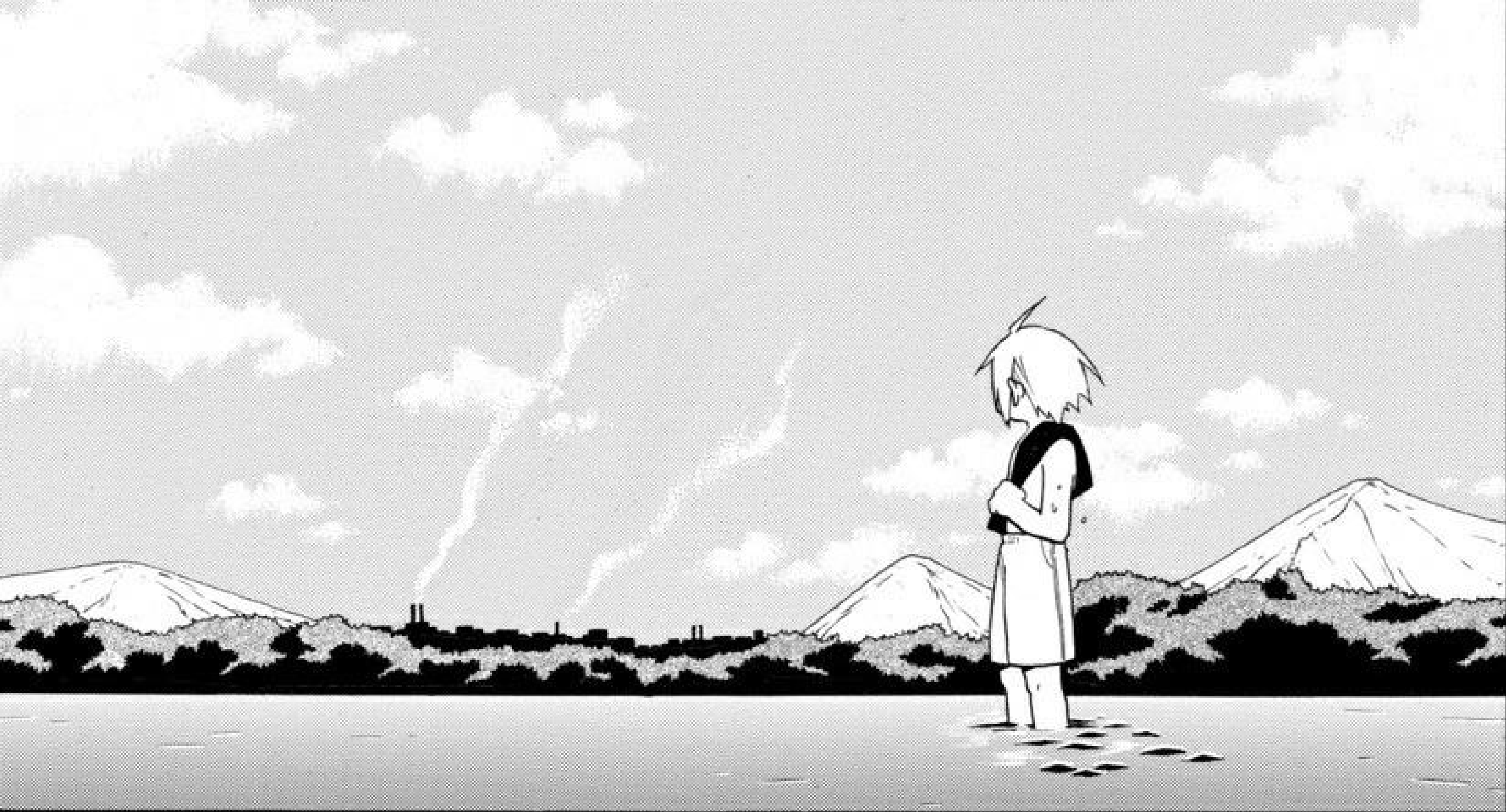


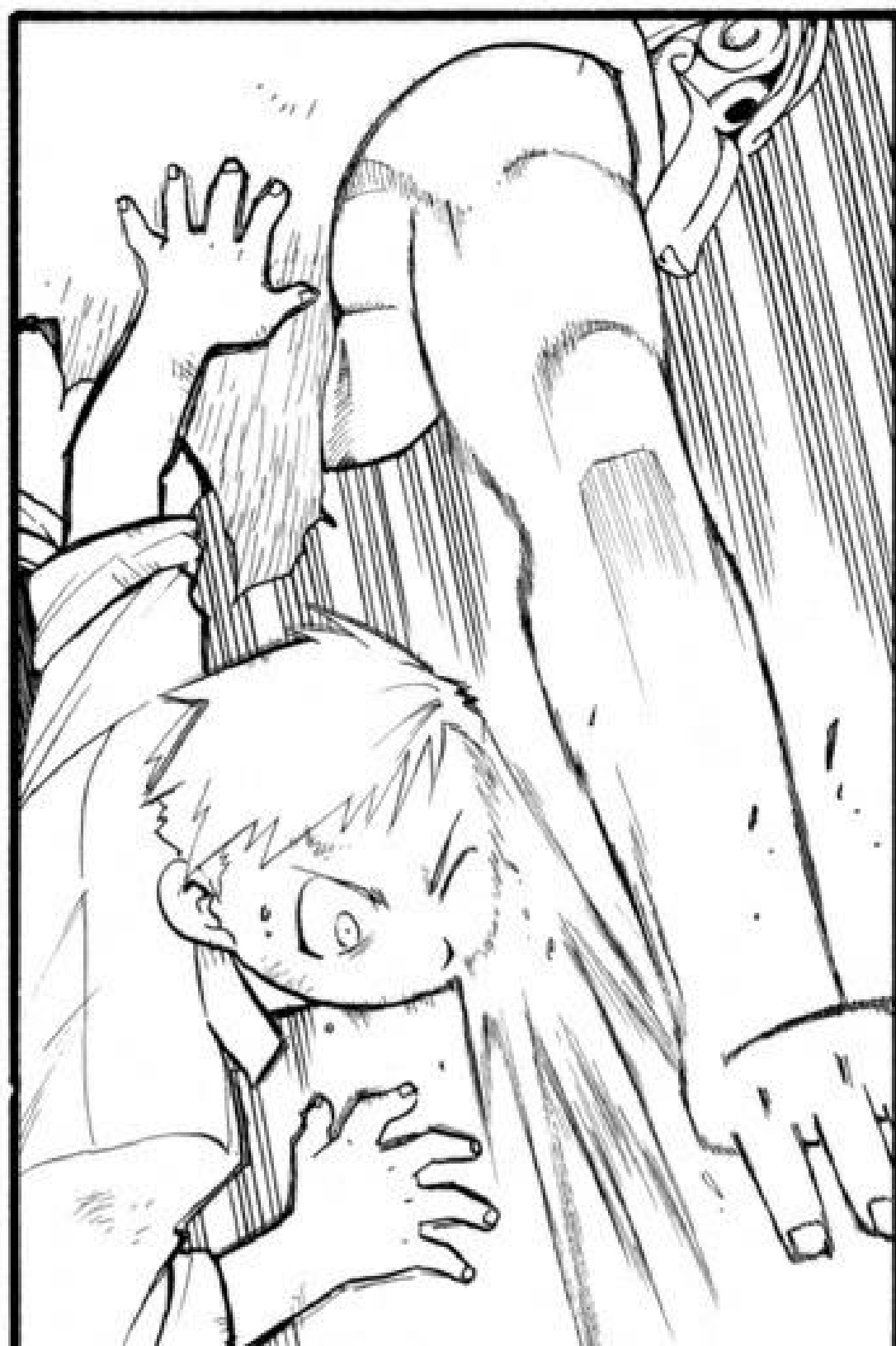
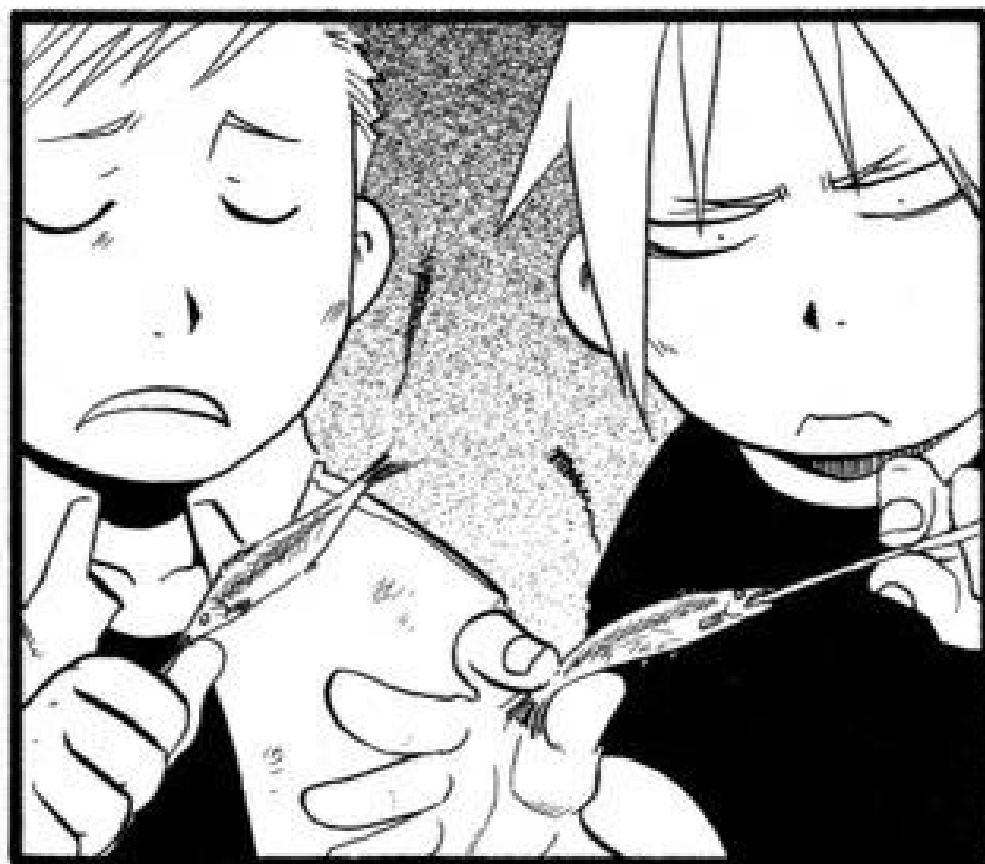
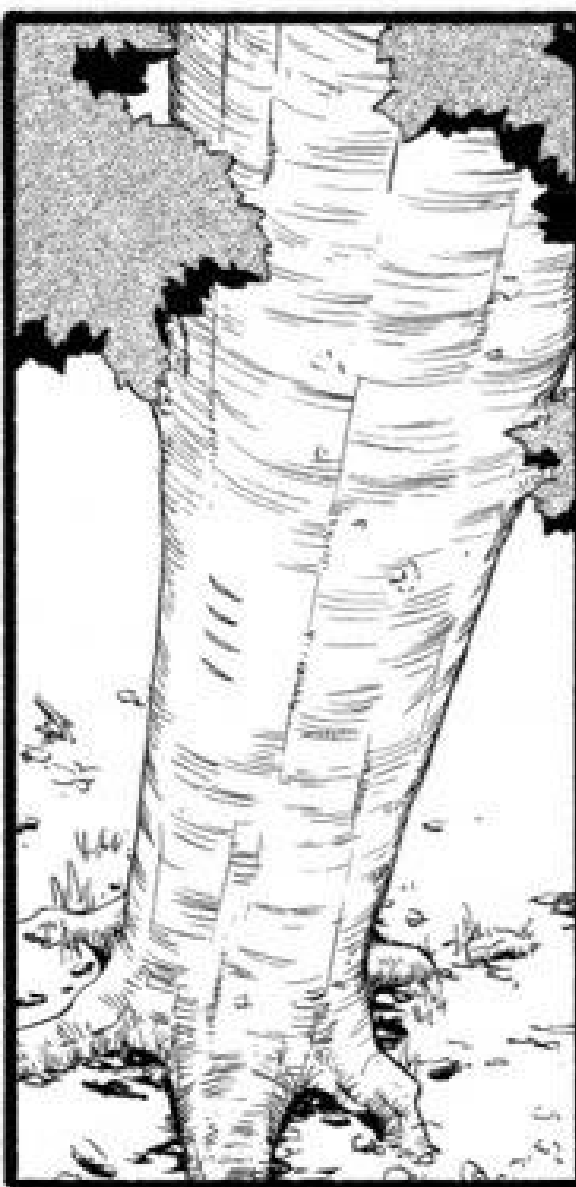


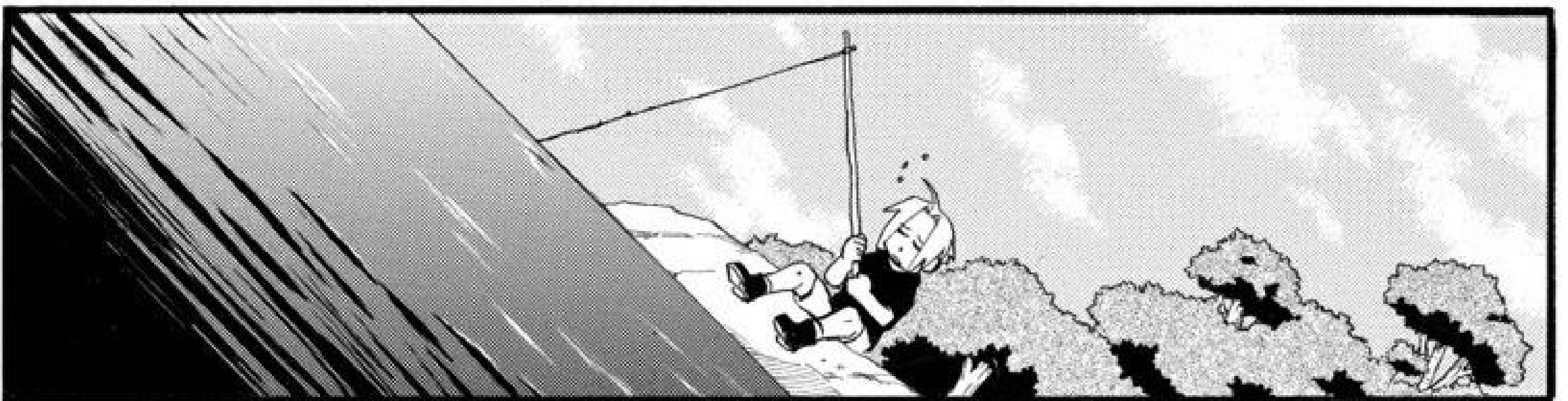
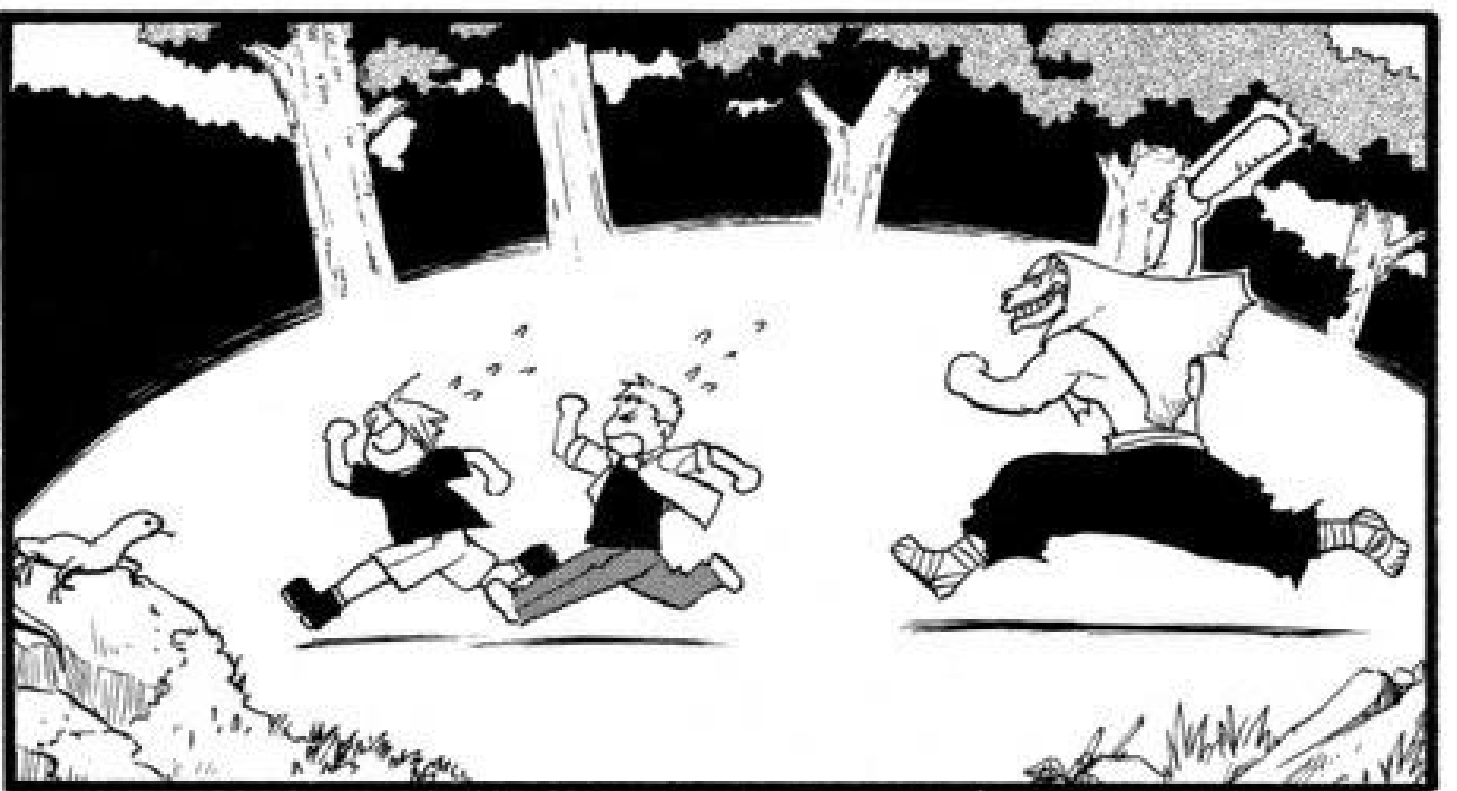
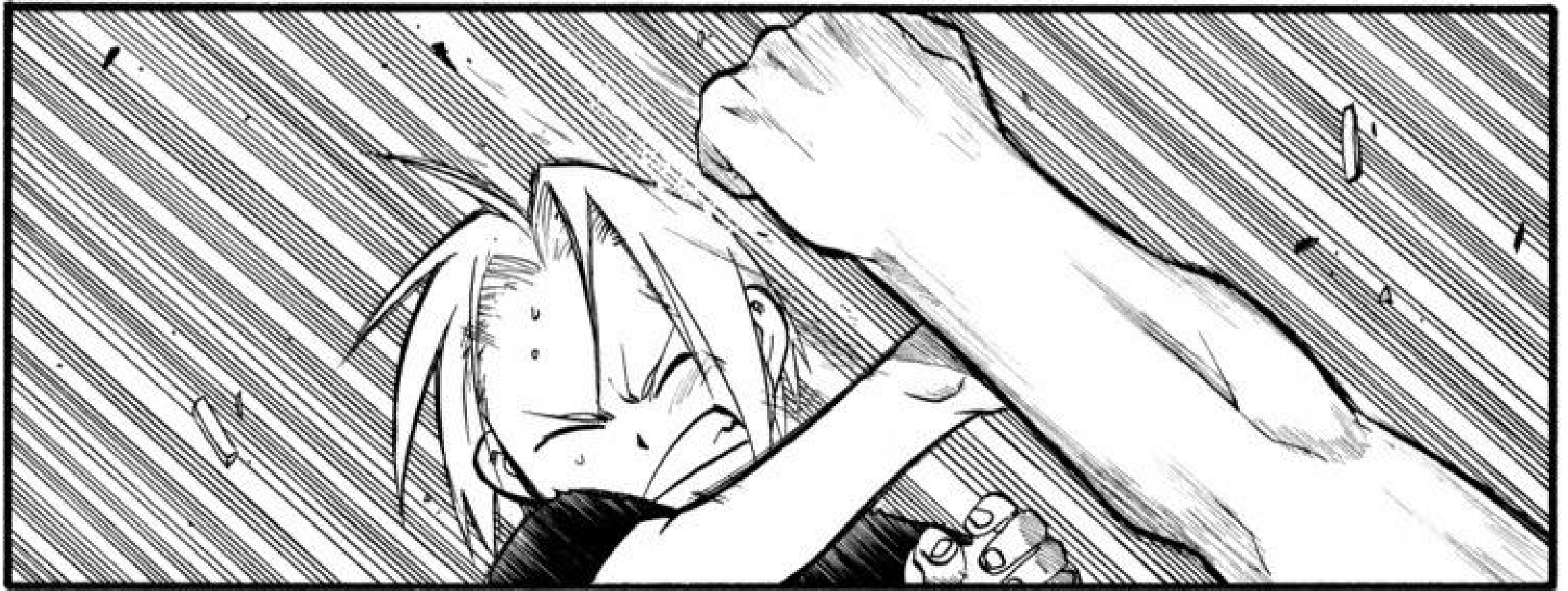


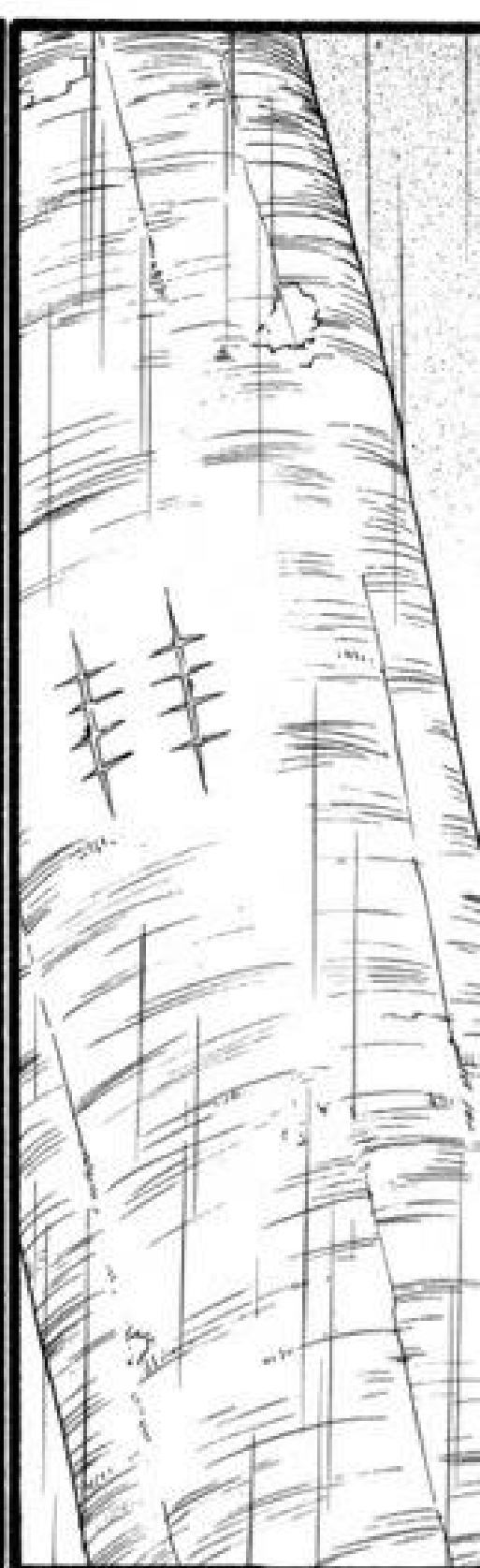
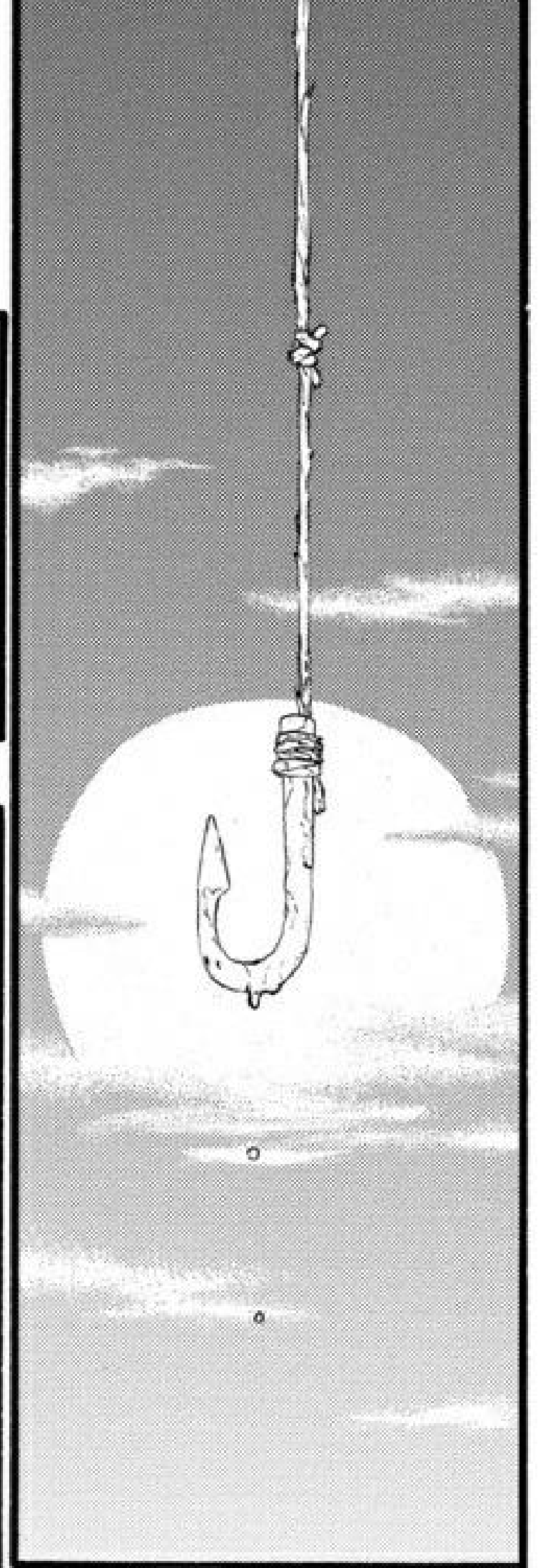
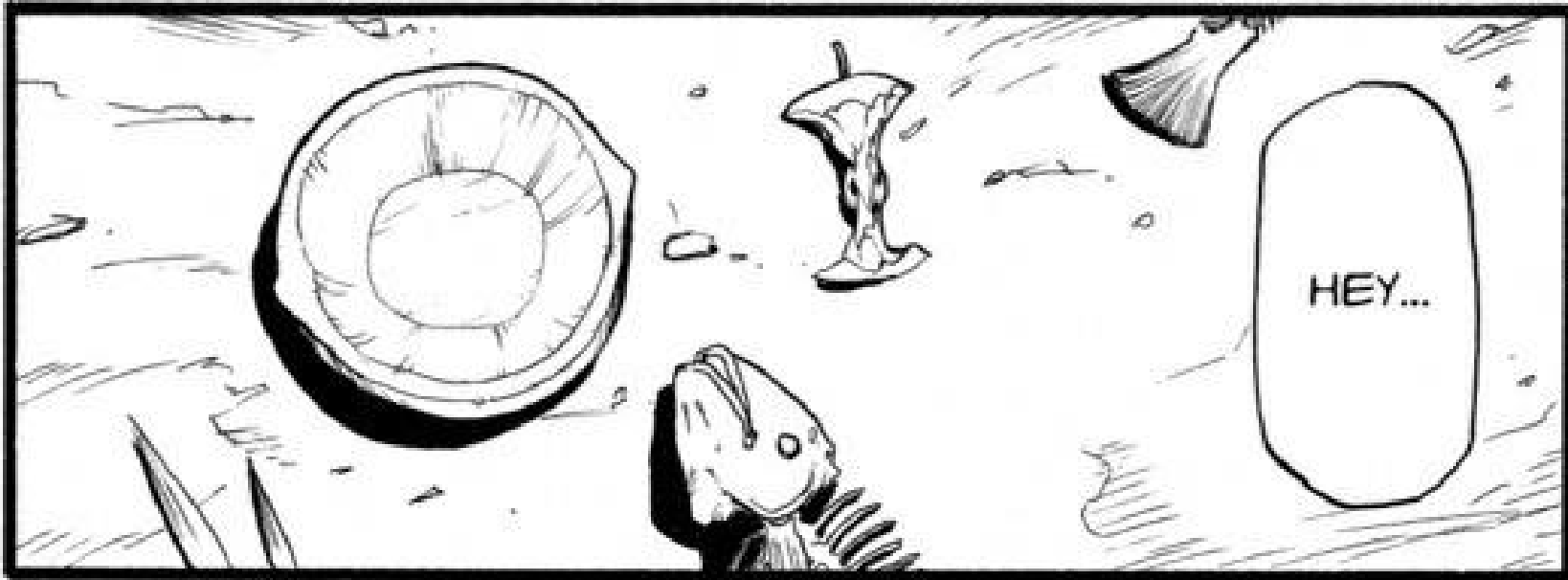




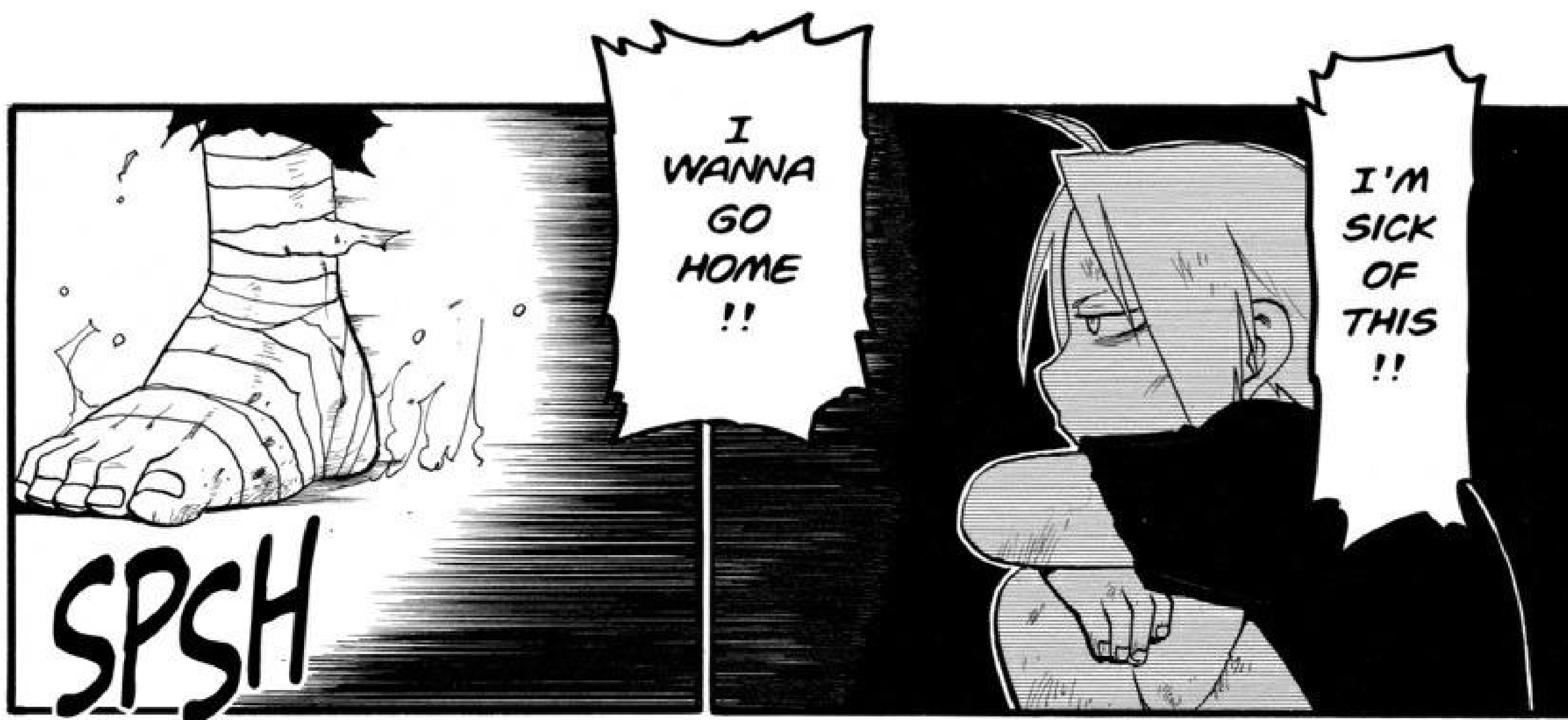






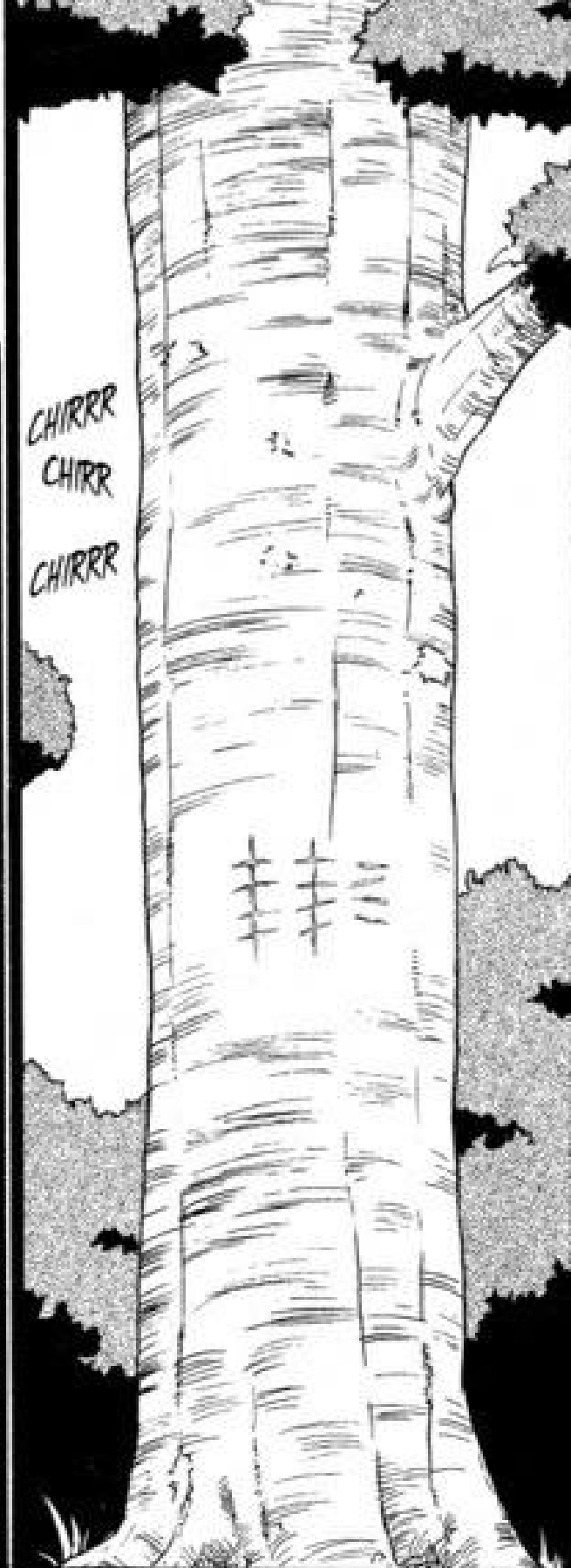
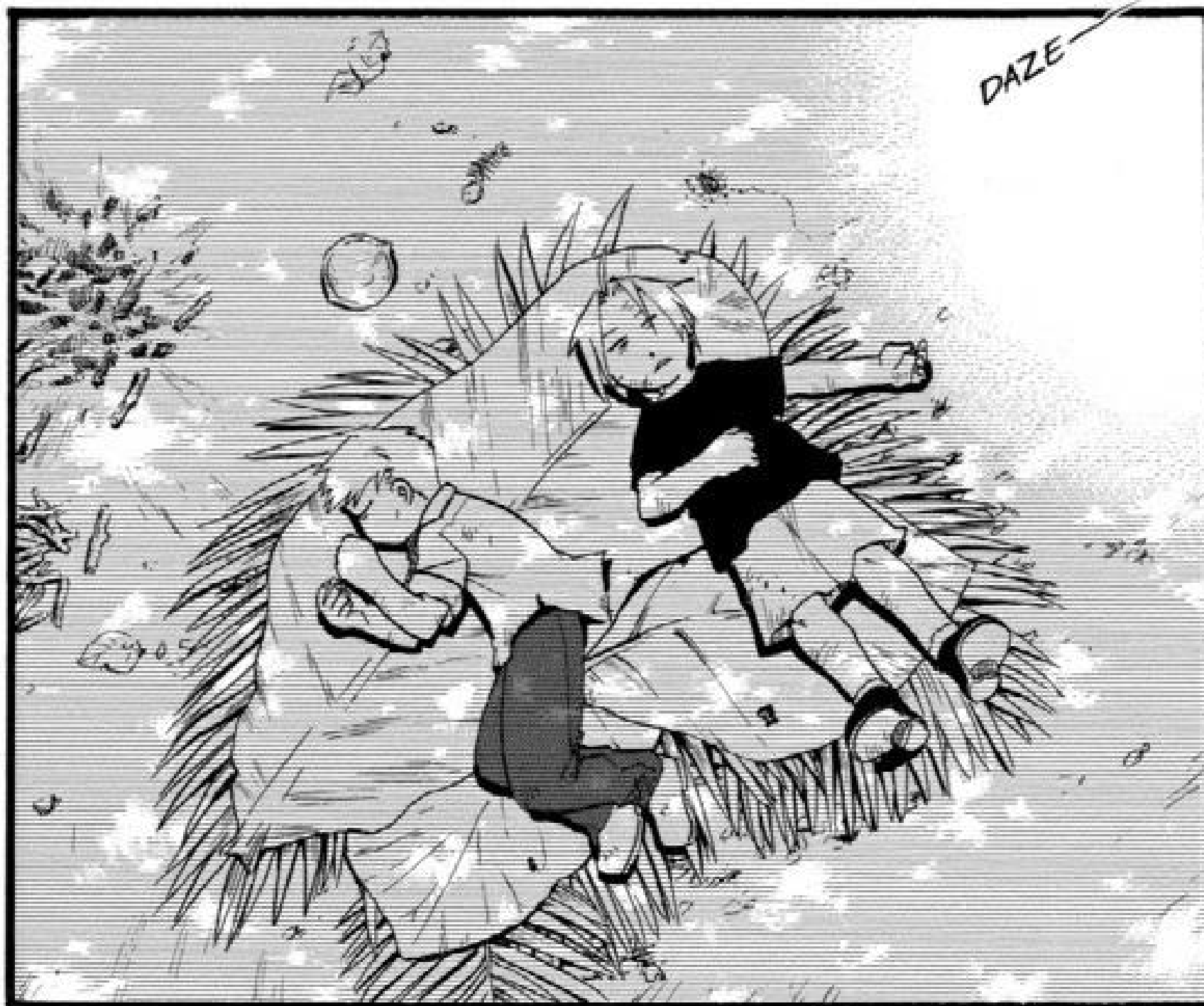


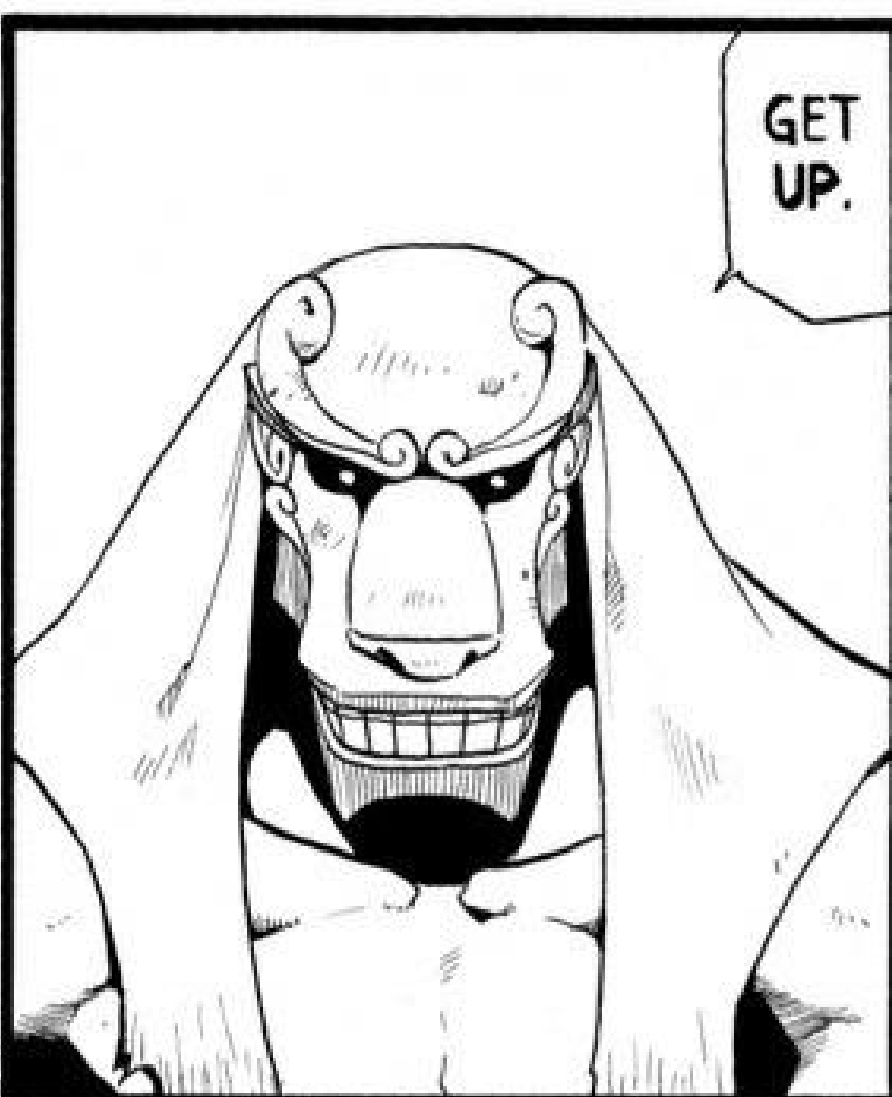
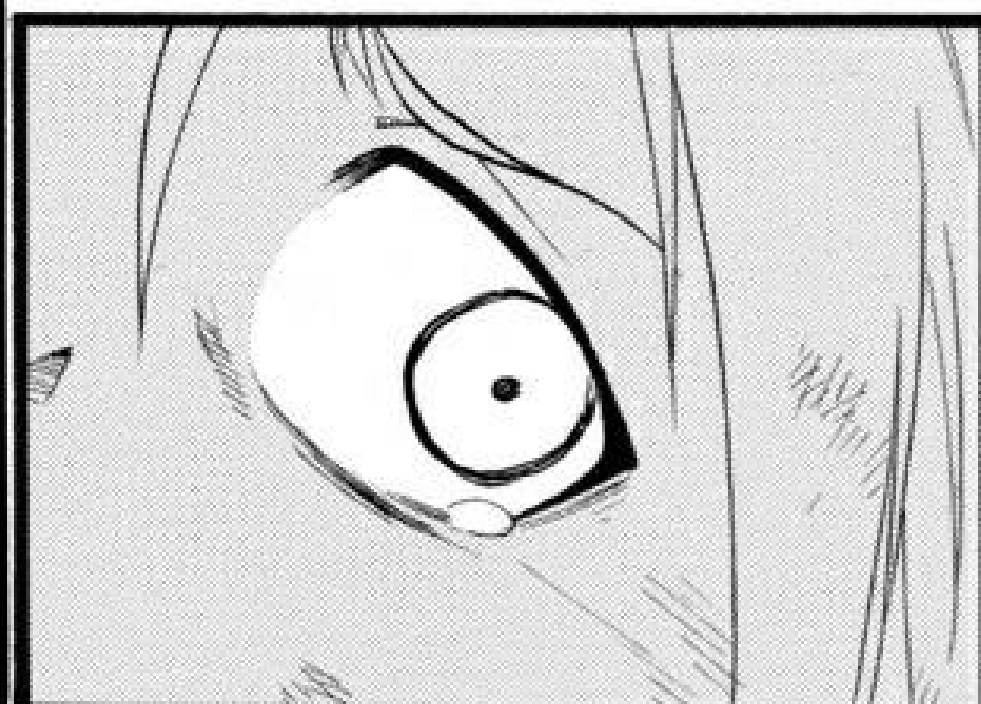
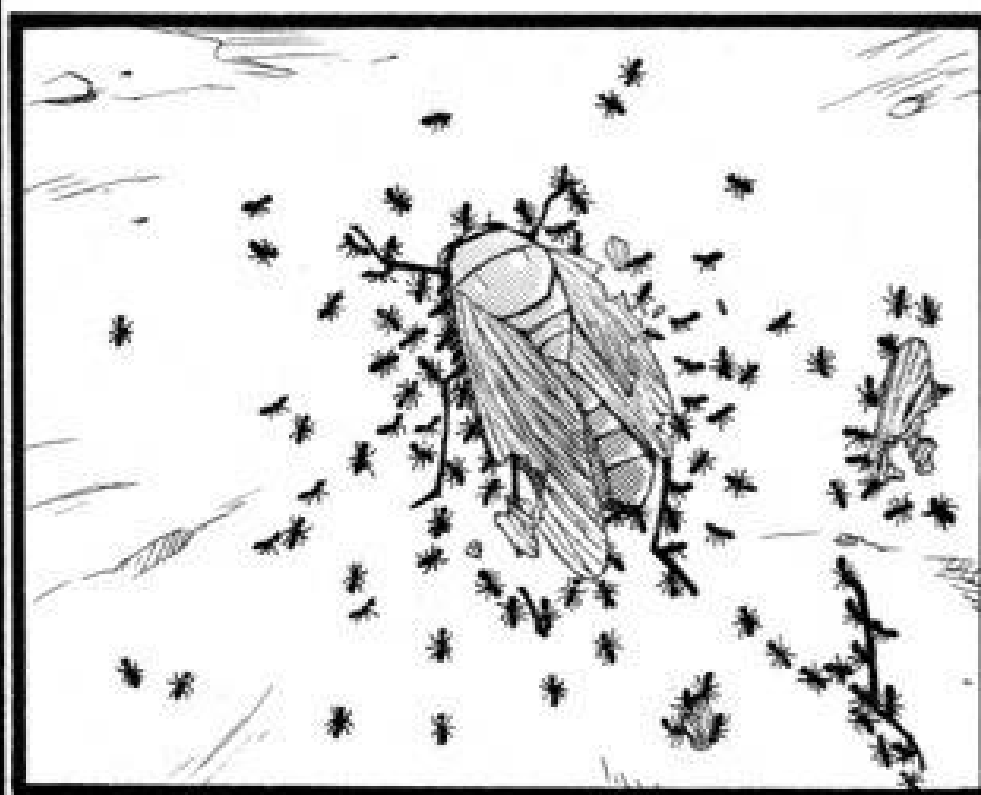


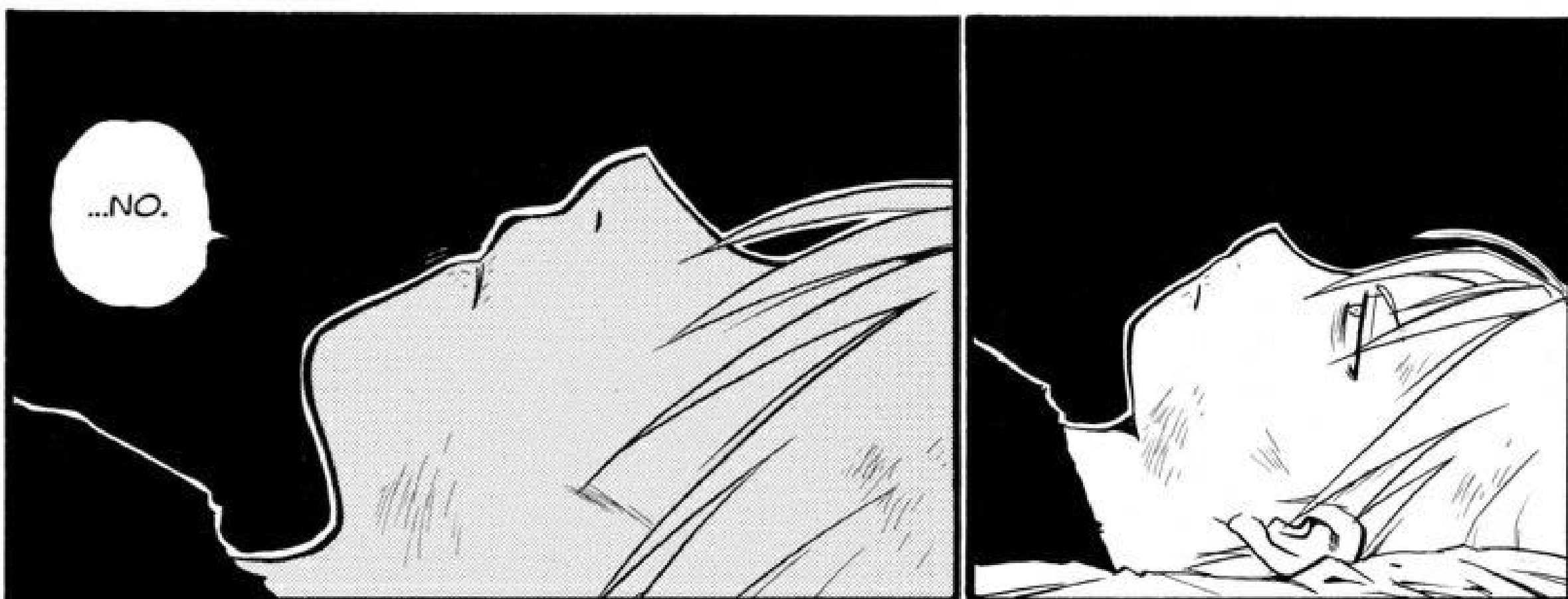
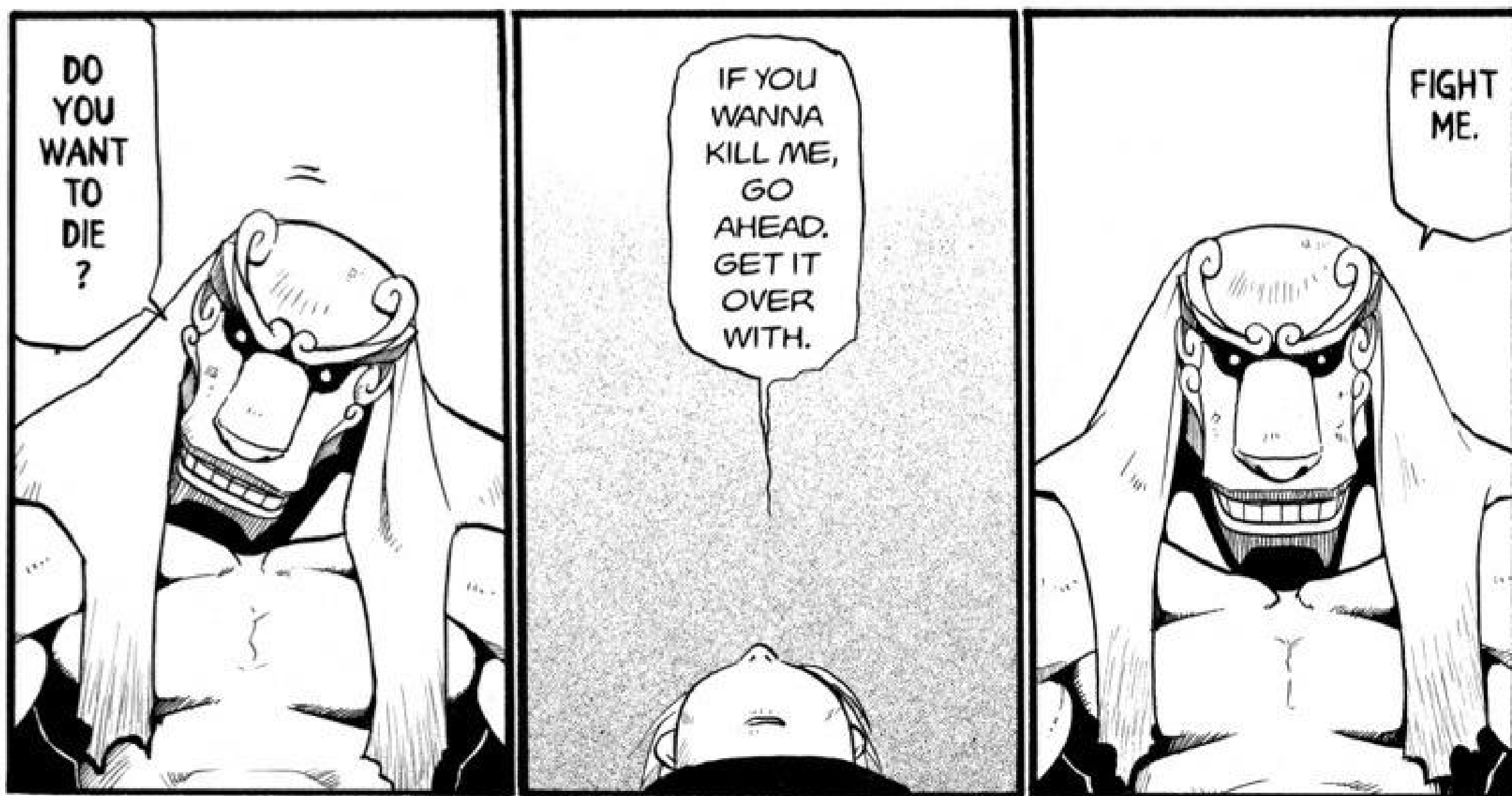


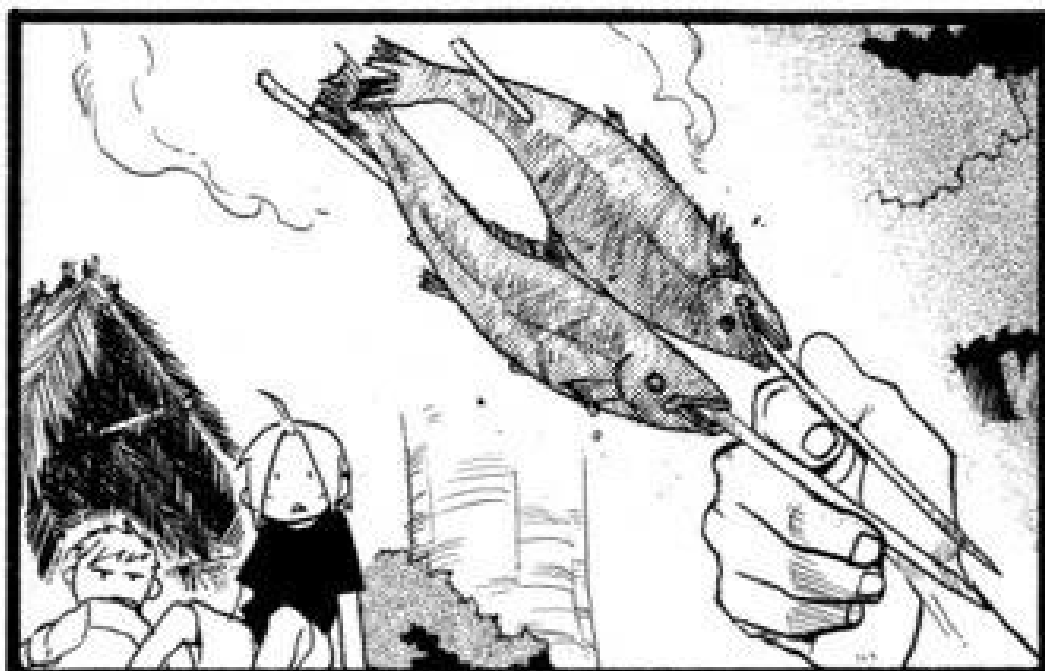


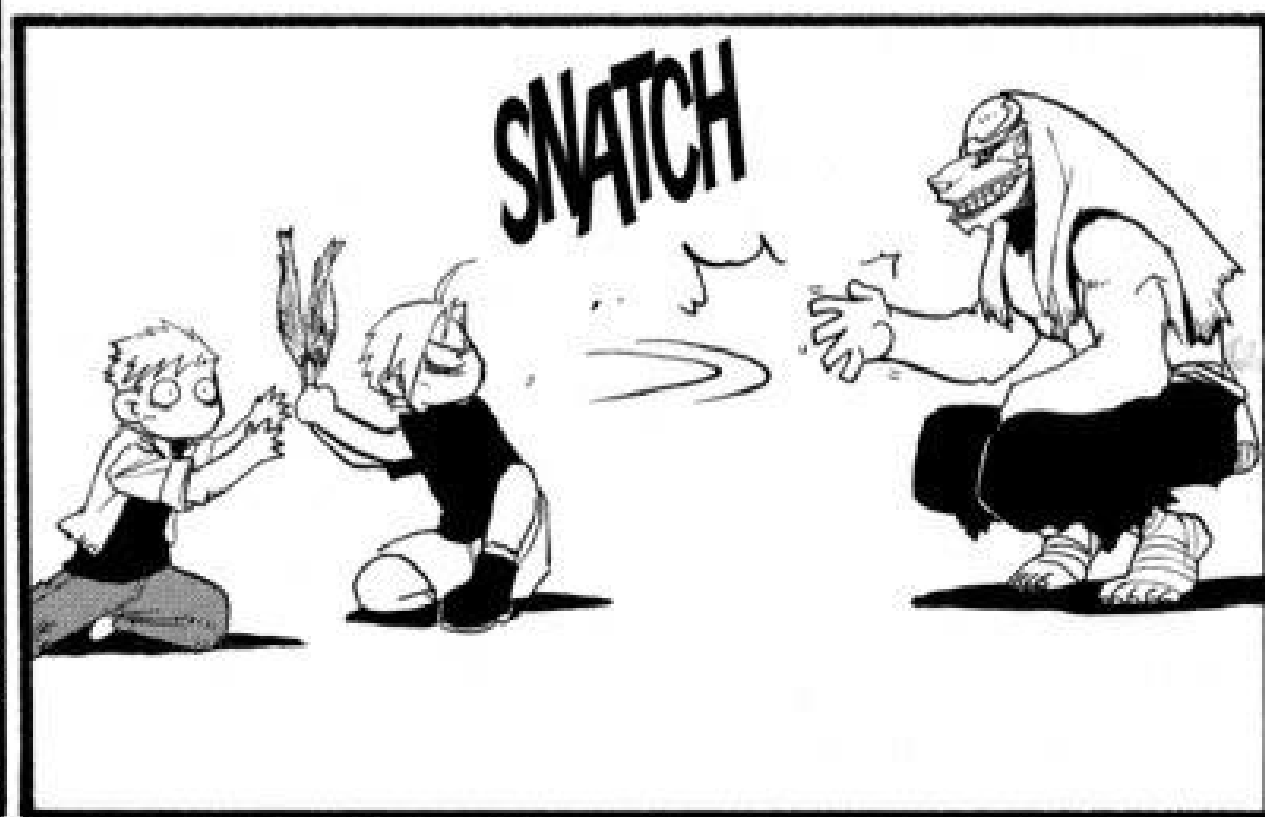
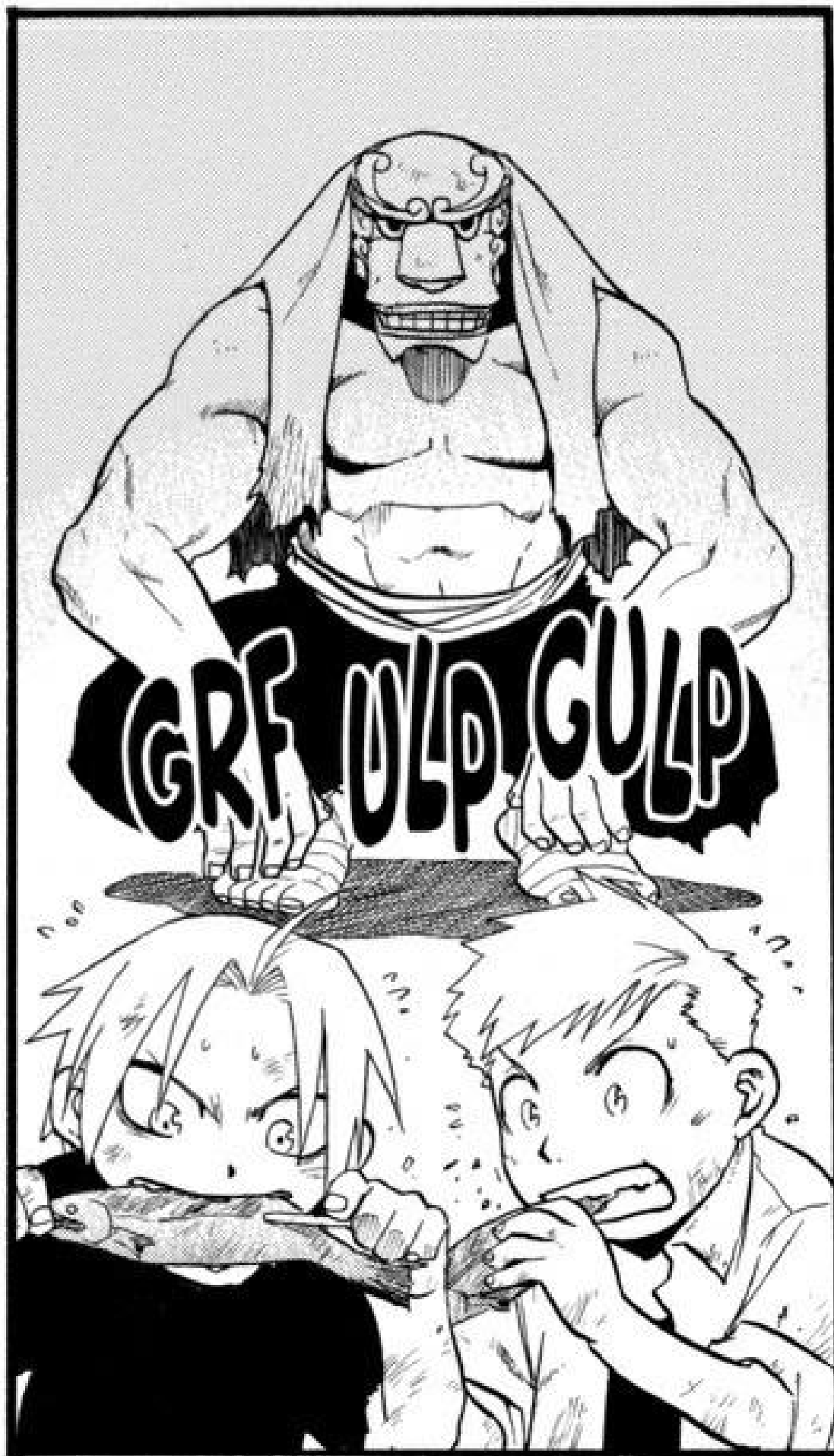






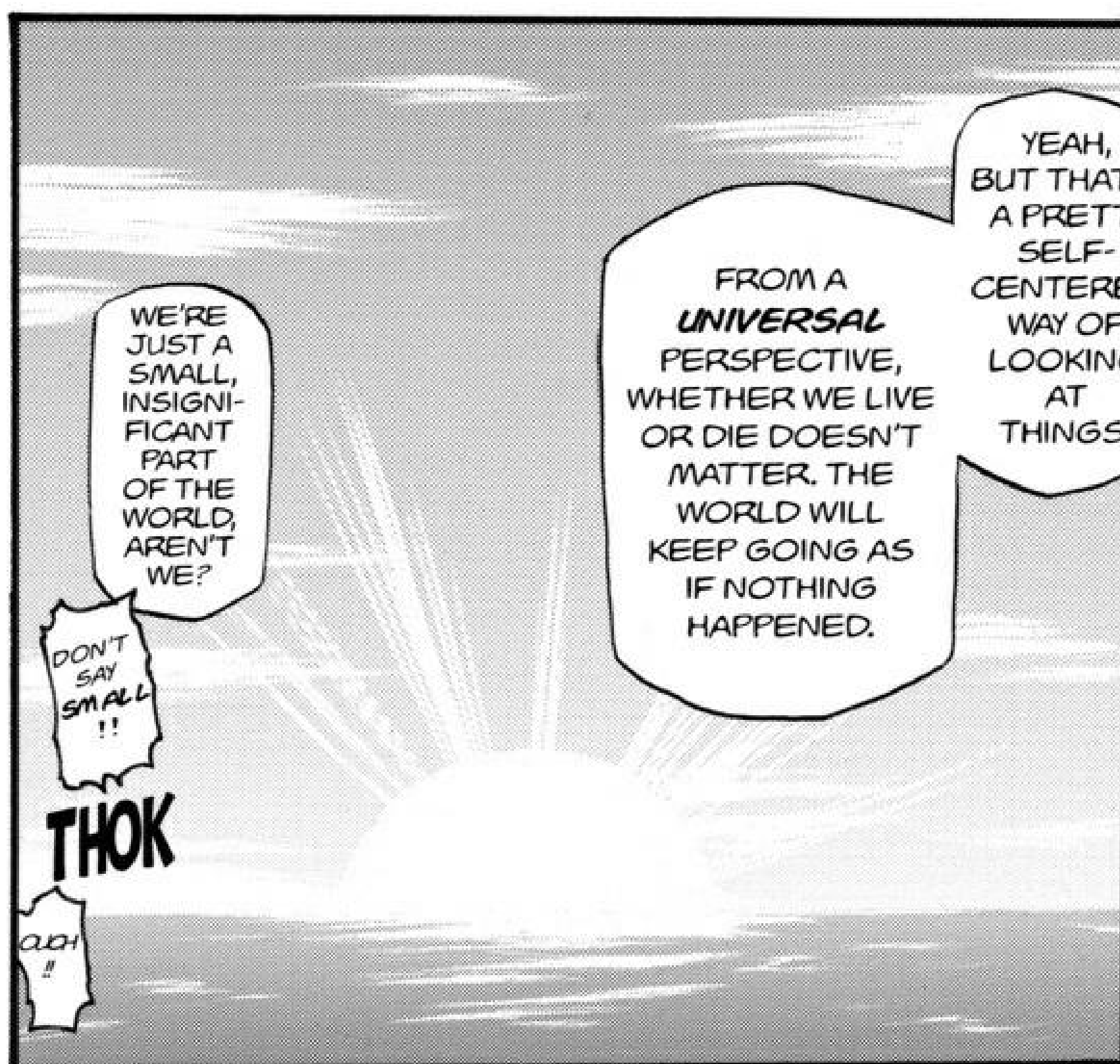








REMEMBER
WHEN WE
TALKED
ABOUT WHAT
WOULD
HAPPEN IF
WE DIED
HERE?



WE'RE
JUST A
SMALL,
INSIGNI-
FICANT
PART
OF THE
WORLD,
AREN'T
WE?

DON'T
SAY
SMALL
!!

THOK

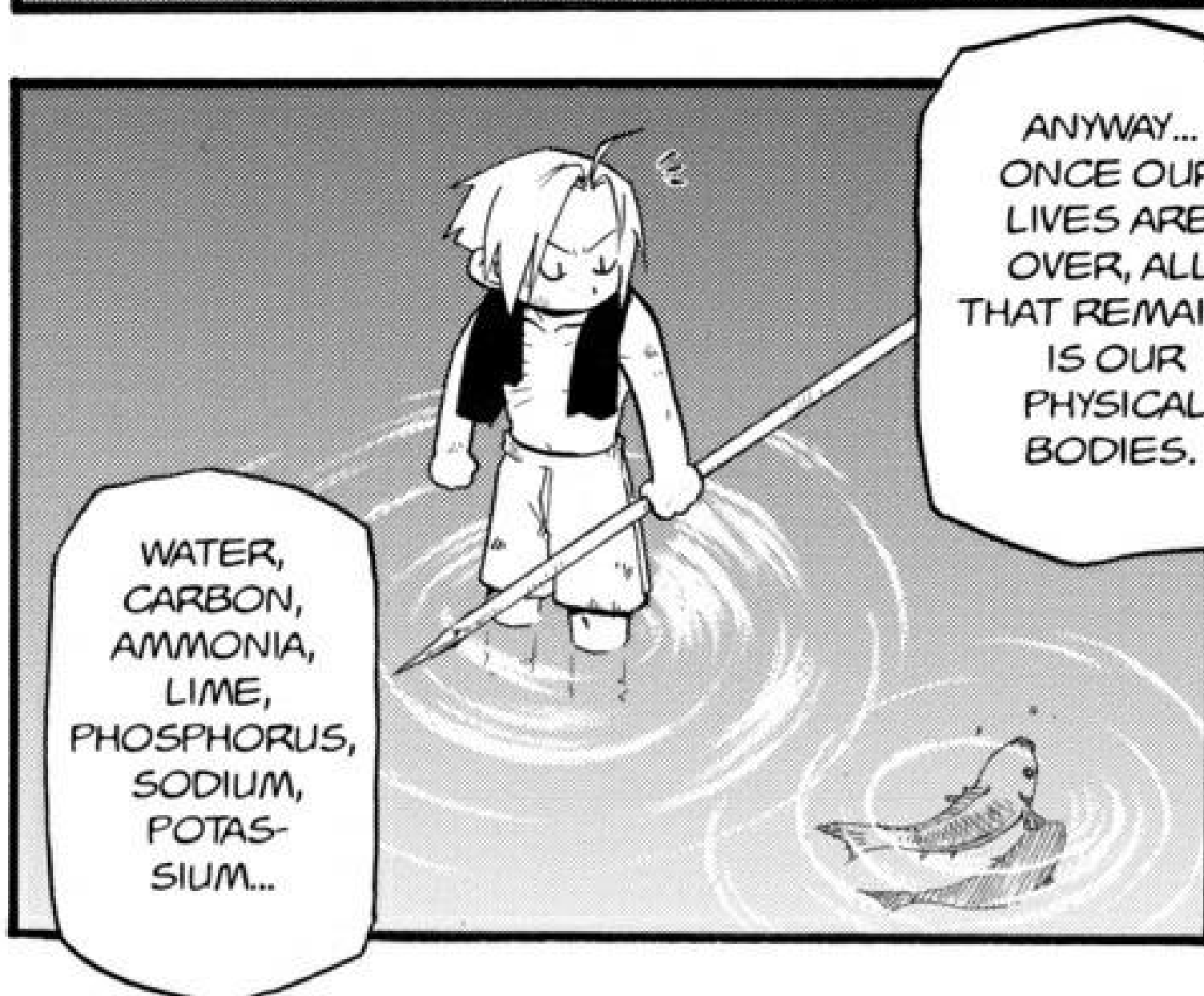
ugh
!!

FROM A
UNIVERSAL
PERSPECTIVE,
WHETHER WE LIVE
OR DIE DOESN'T
MATTER. THE
WORLD WILL
KEEP GOING AS
IF NOTHING
HAPPENED.

YEAH,
BUT THAT'S
A PRETTY
SELF-
CENTERED
WAY OF
LOOKING
AT
THINGS.



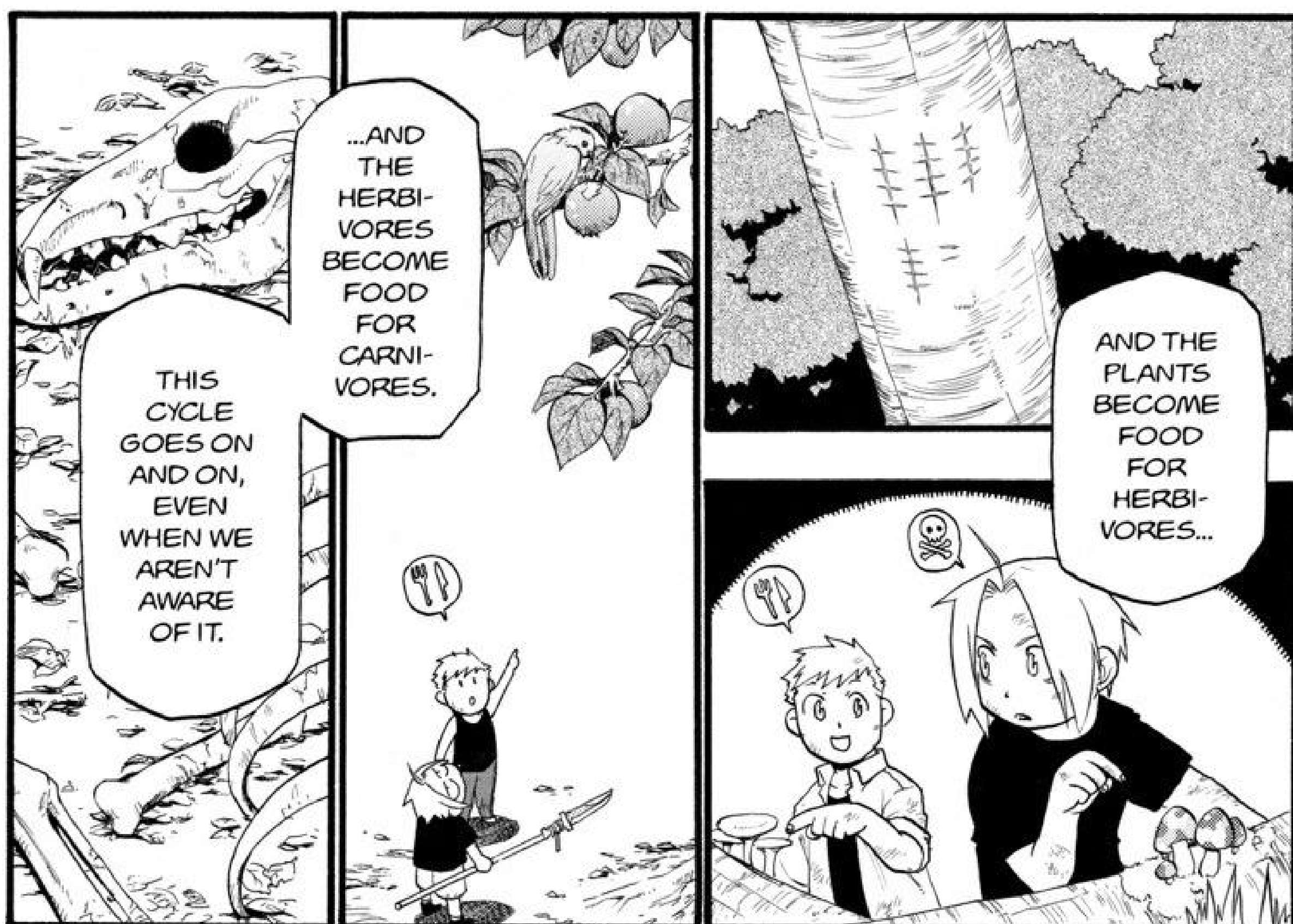
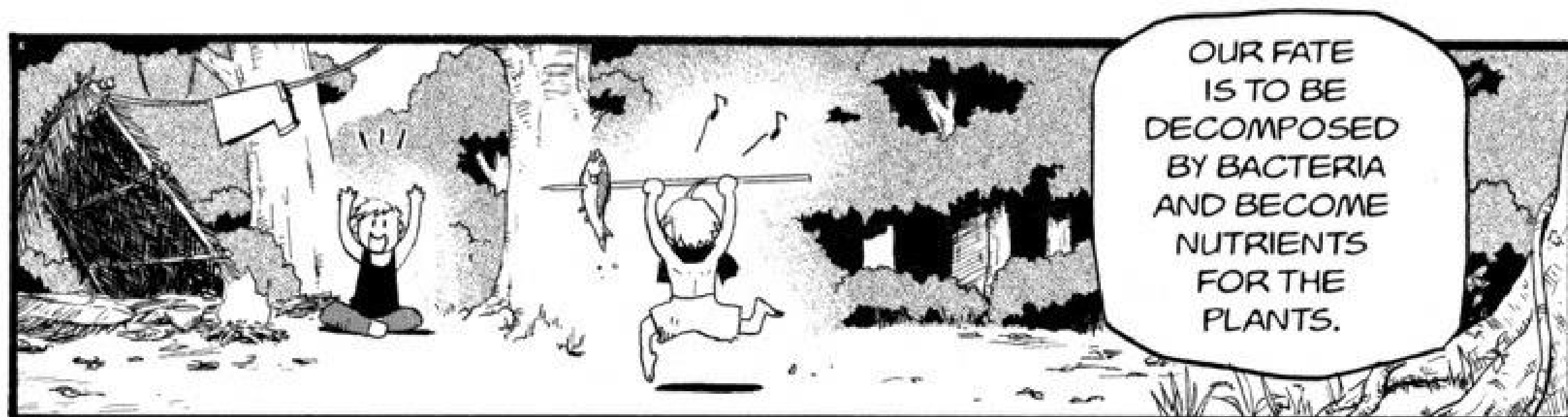
UH-HUH,
AND I
SAID
EVERY-
ONE
WOULD
BE
SAD.

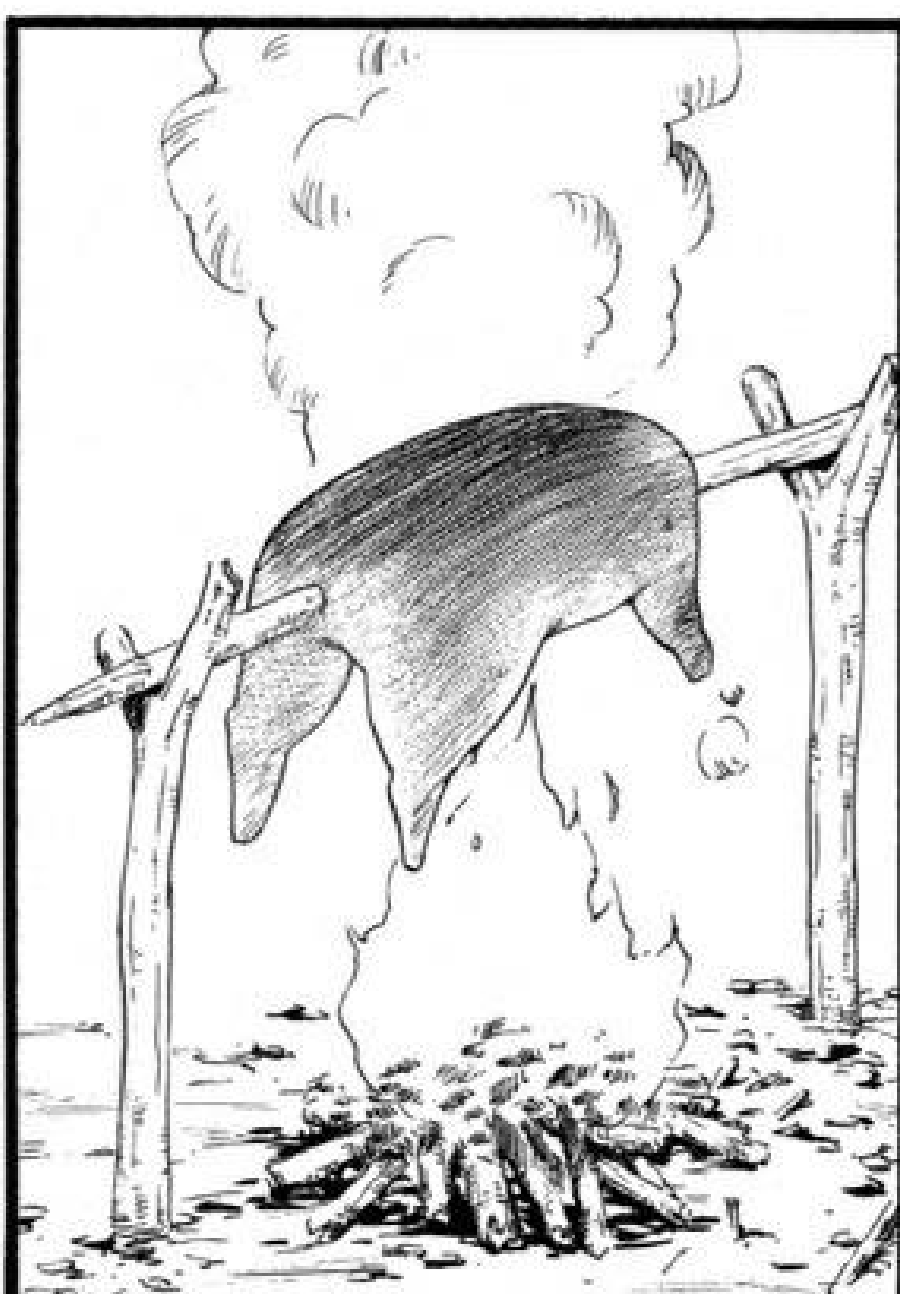
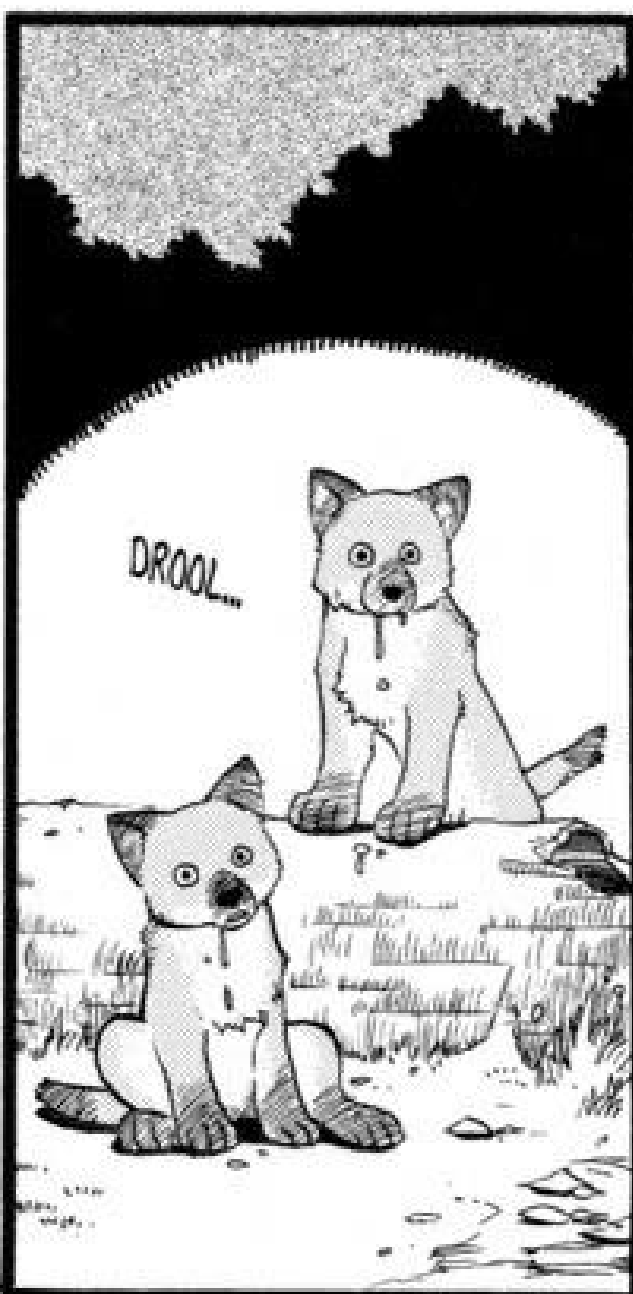
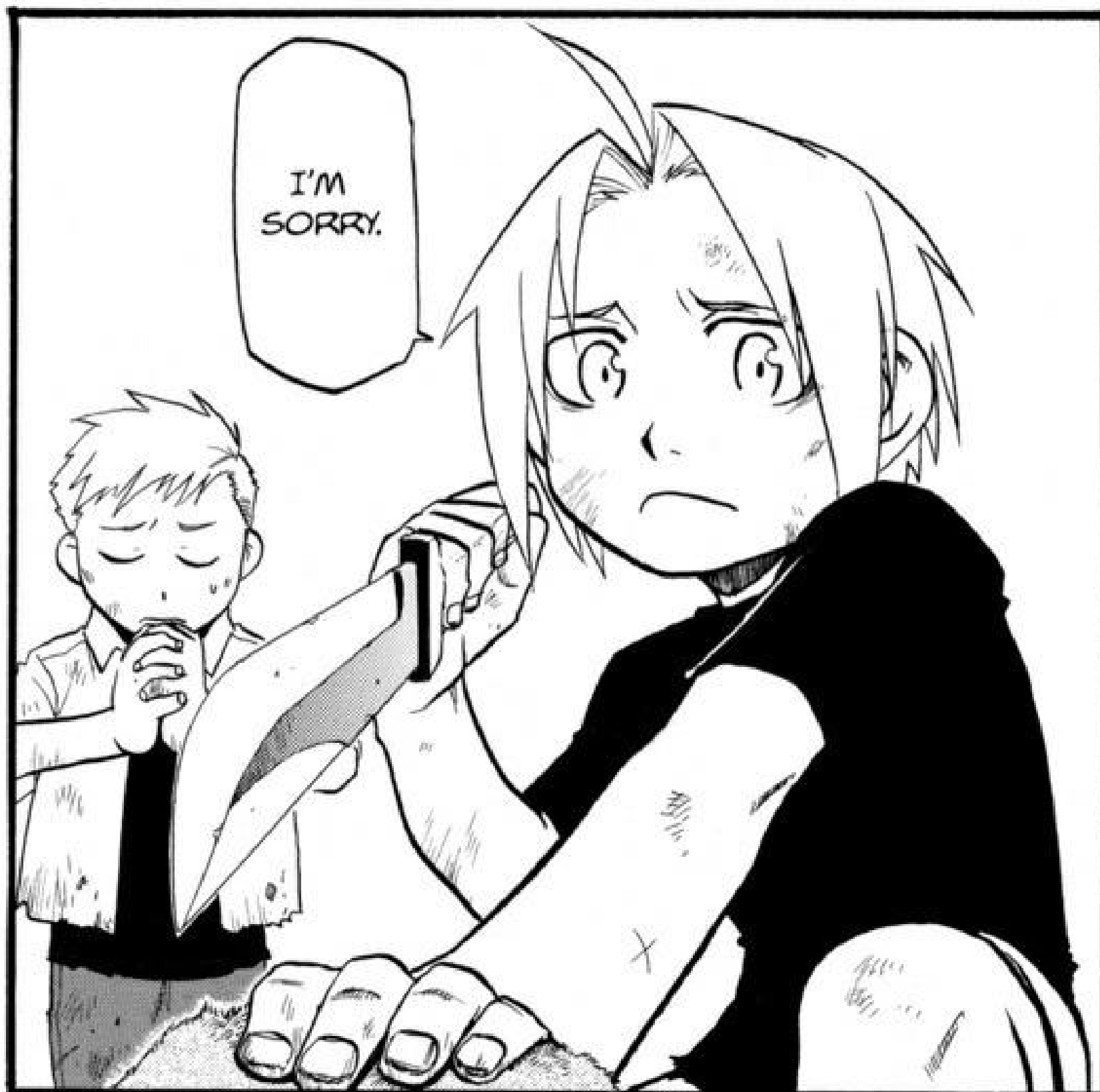


WATER,
CARBON,
AMMONIA,
LIME,
PHOSPHORUS,
SODIUM,
POTAS-
SIUM...

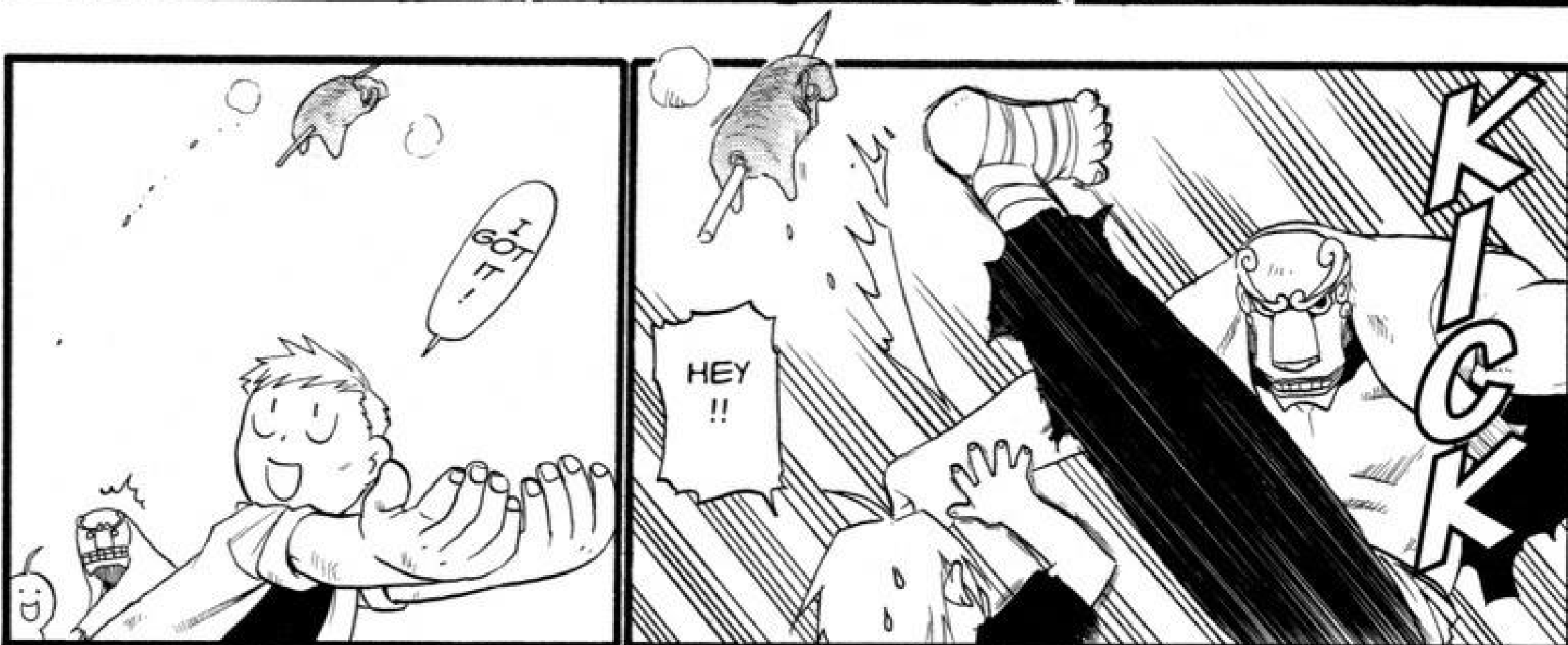
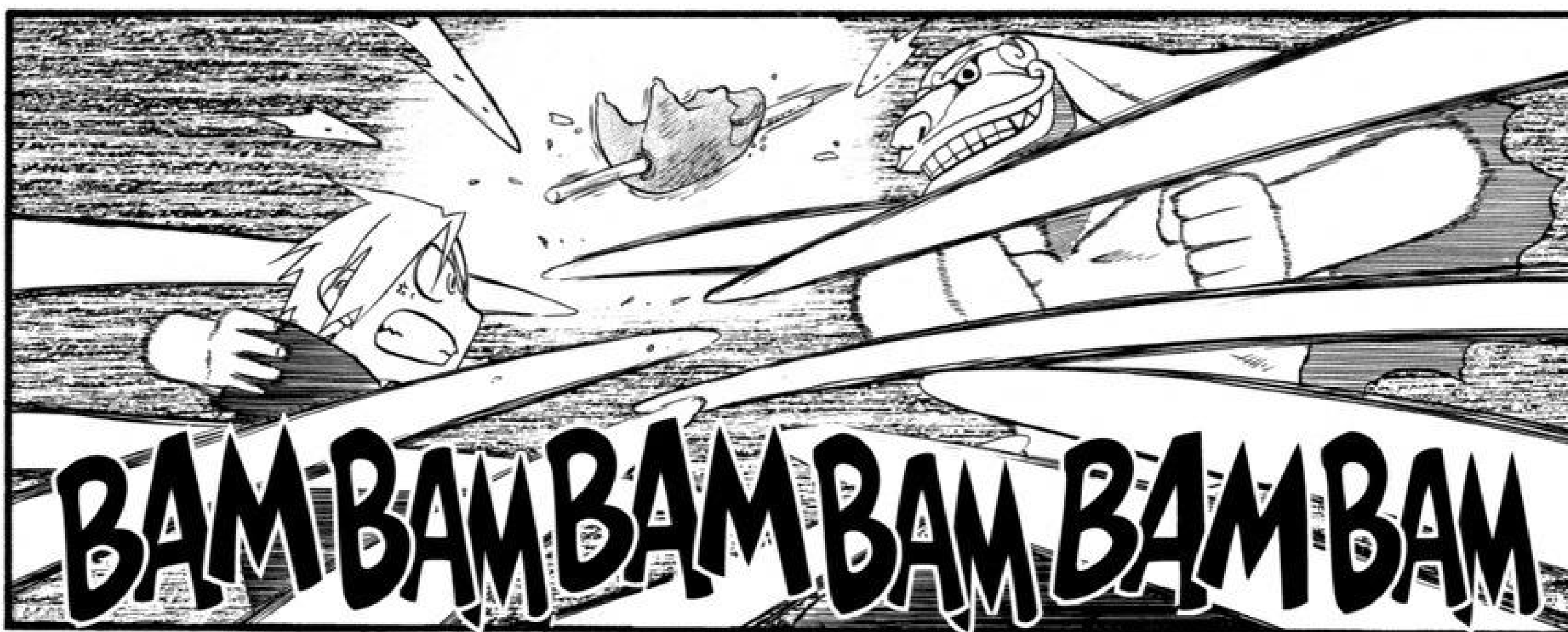
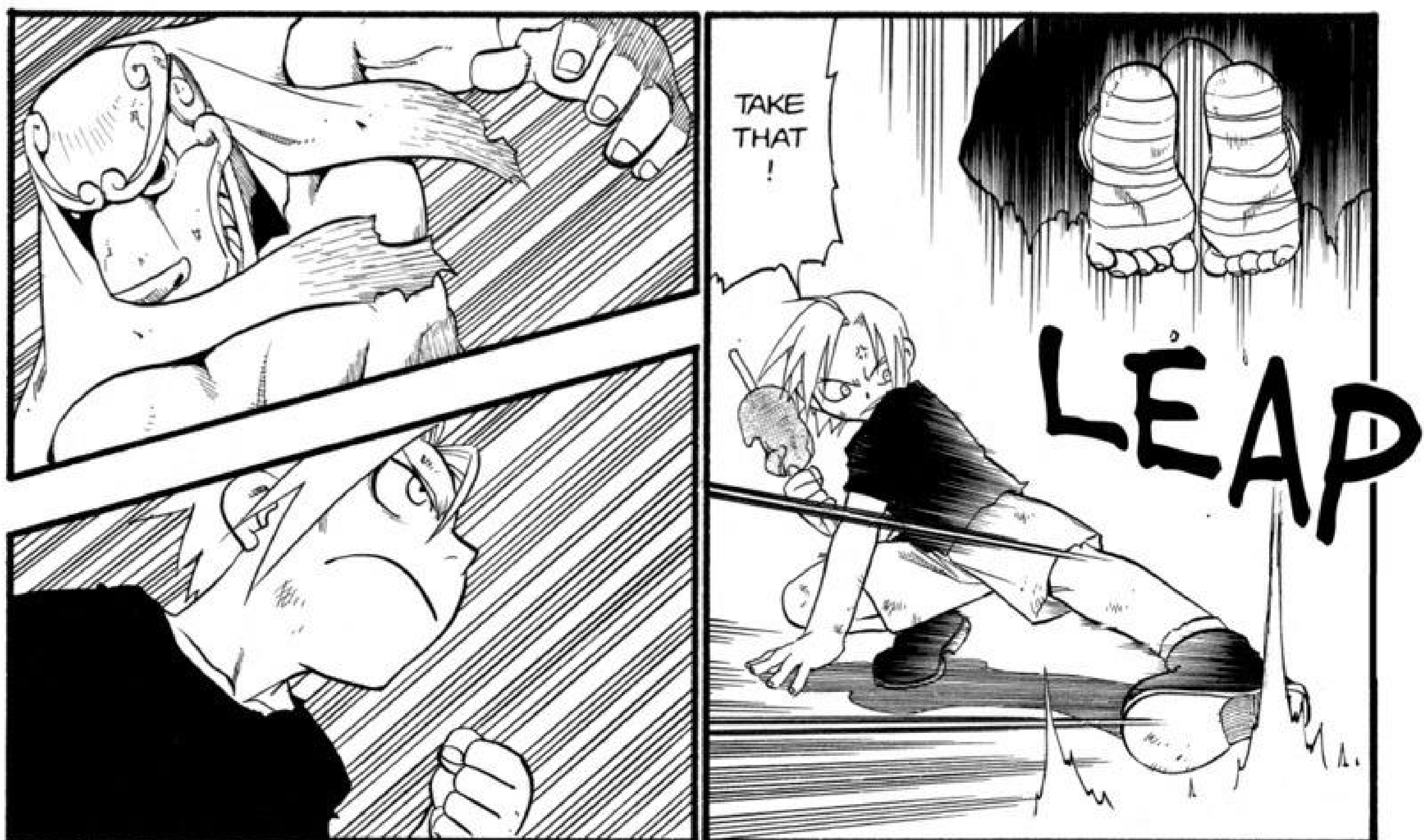
ANYWAY...
ONCE OUR
LIVES ARE
OVER, ALL
THAT REMAINS
IS OUR
PHYSICAL
BODIES.

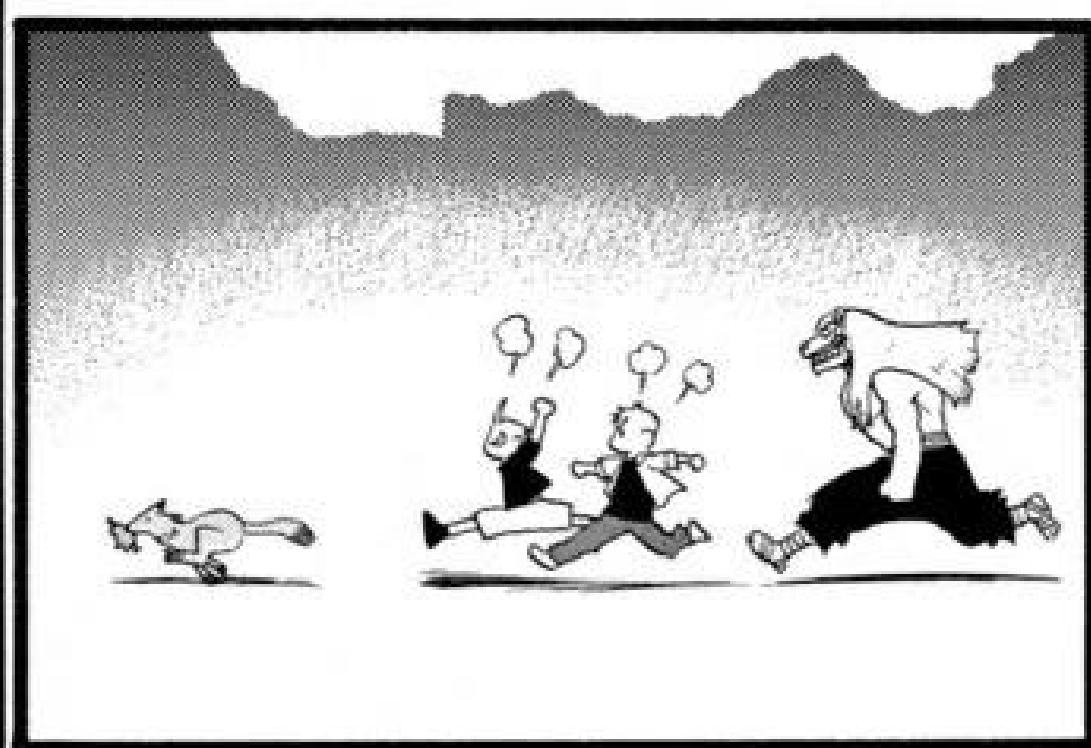
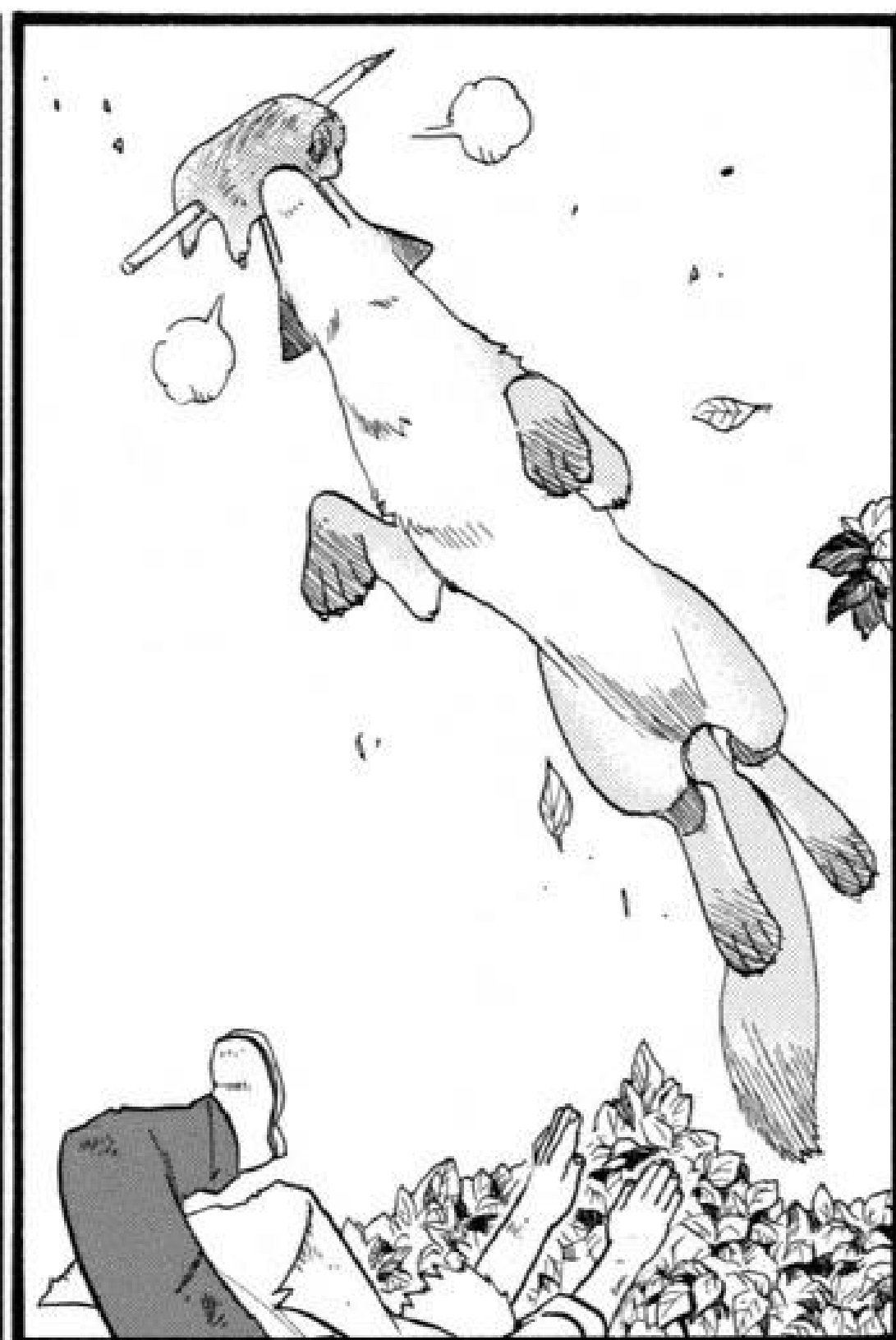
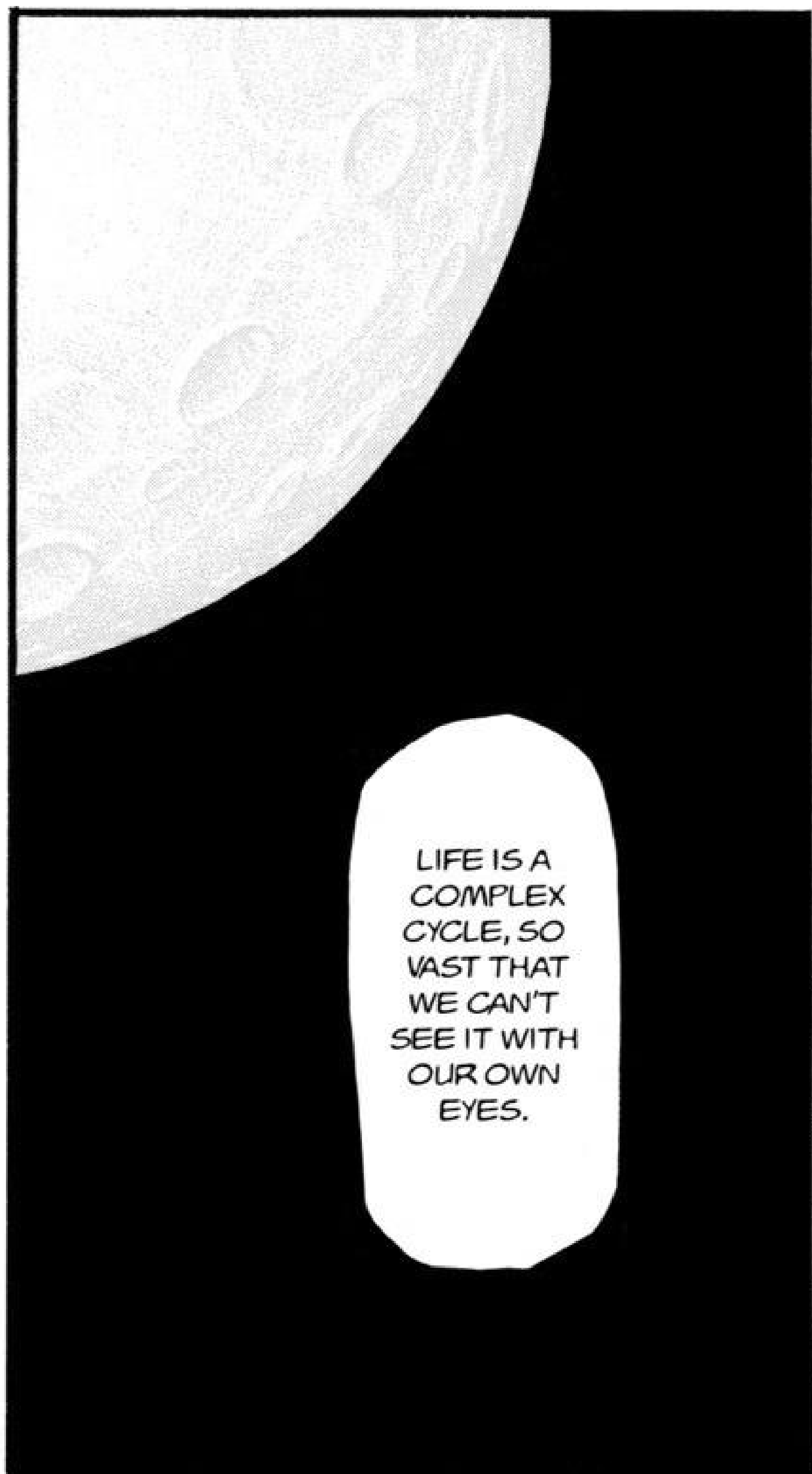












...THE
MEANING
OF
ALCHEMY.

THAT'S...

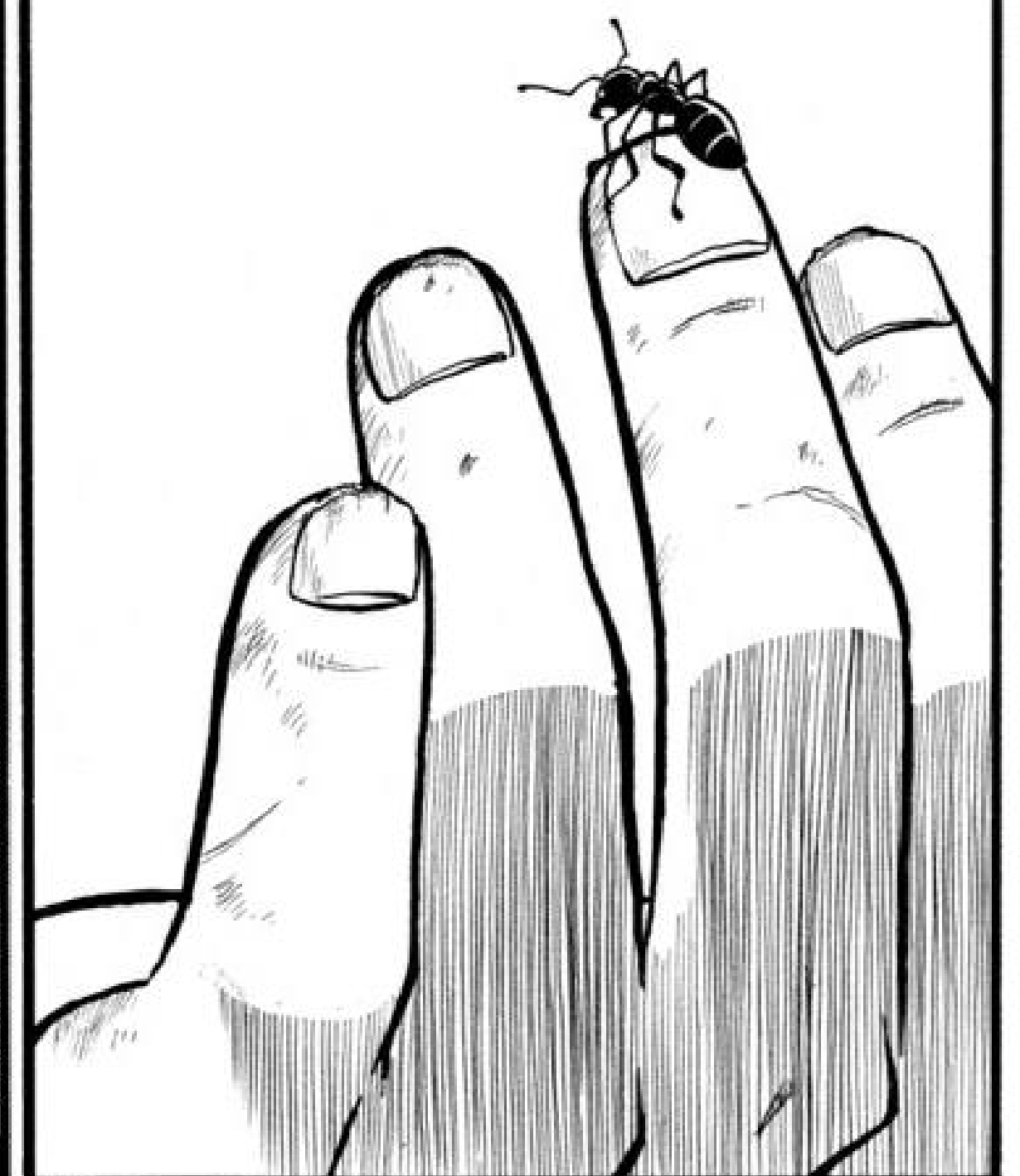
UNDER-
STANDING
THAT FLOW,
DECON-
STRUCTING
AND THEN
RECON-
STRUCTING...

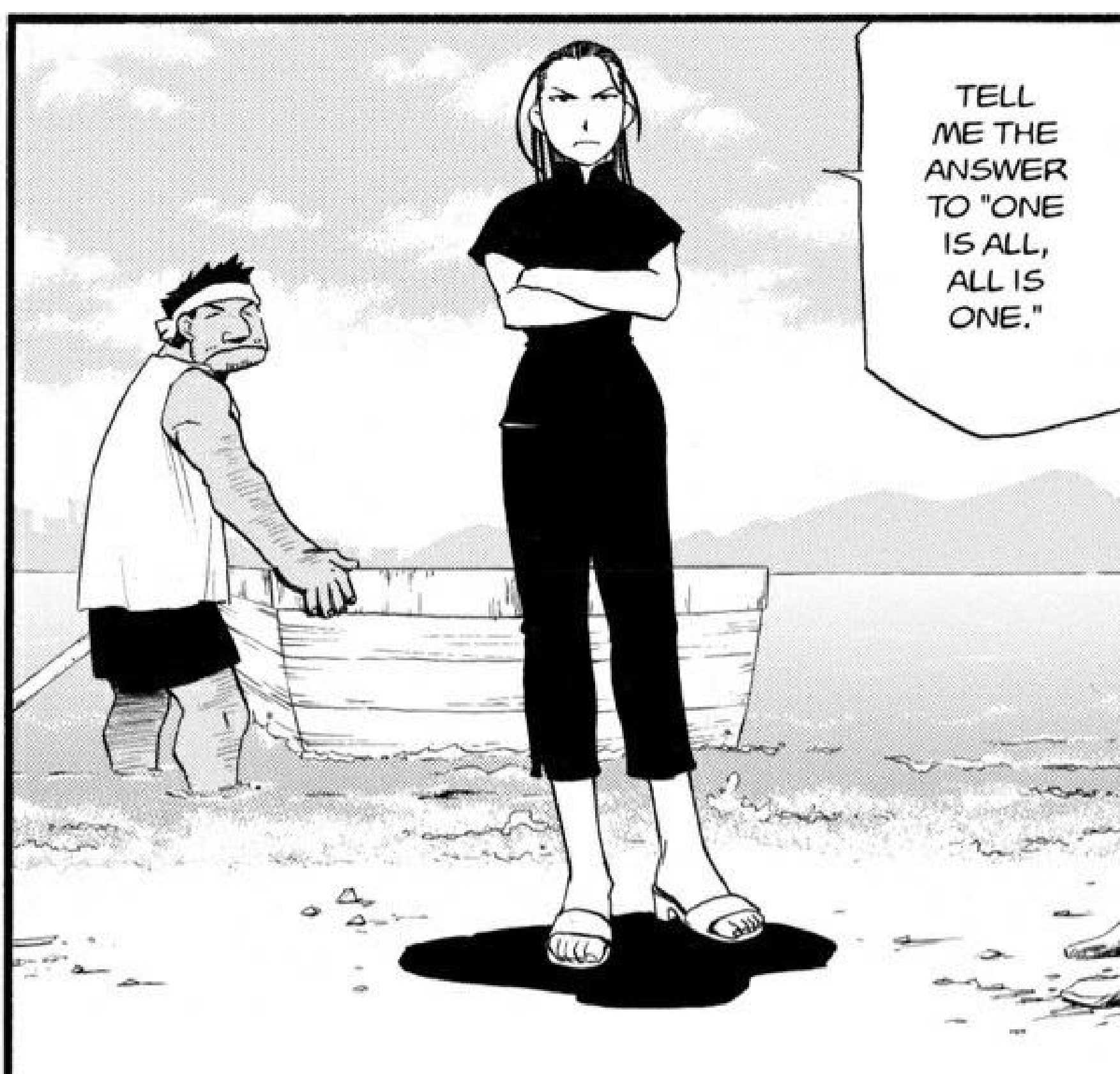
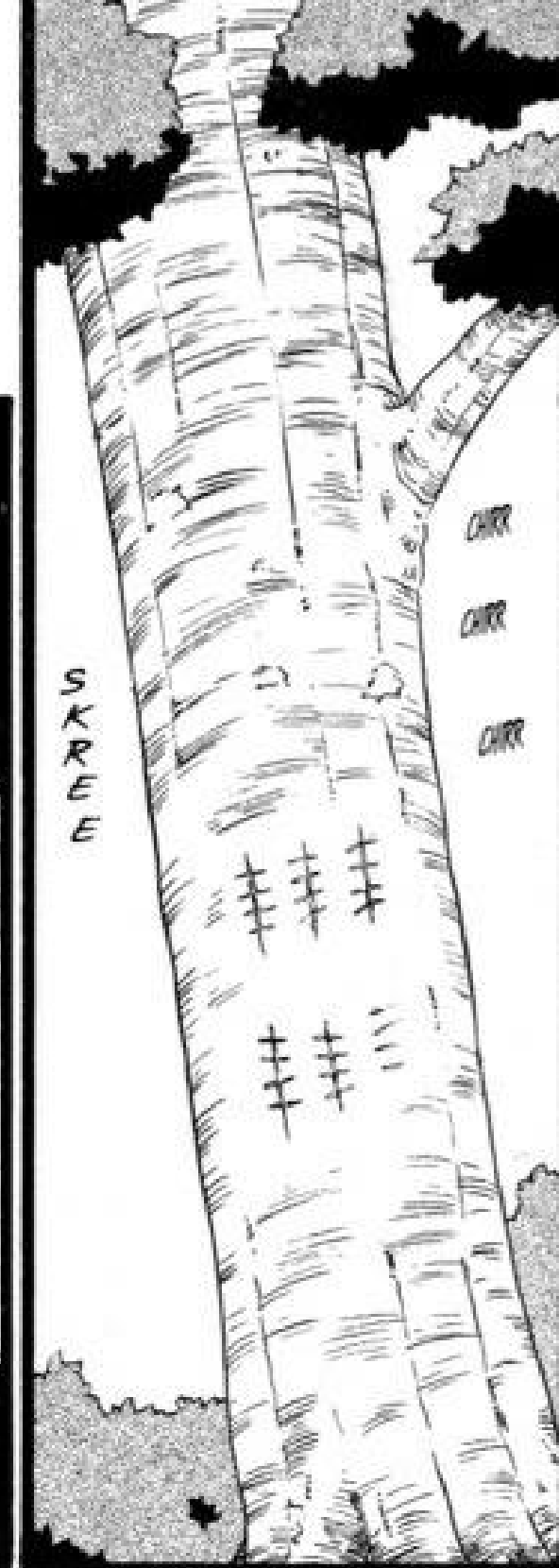
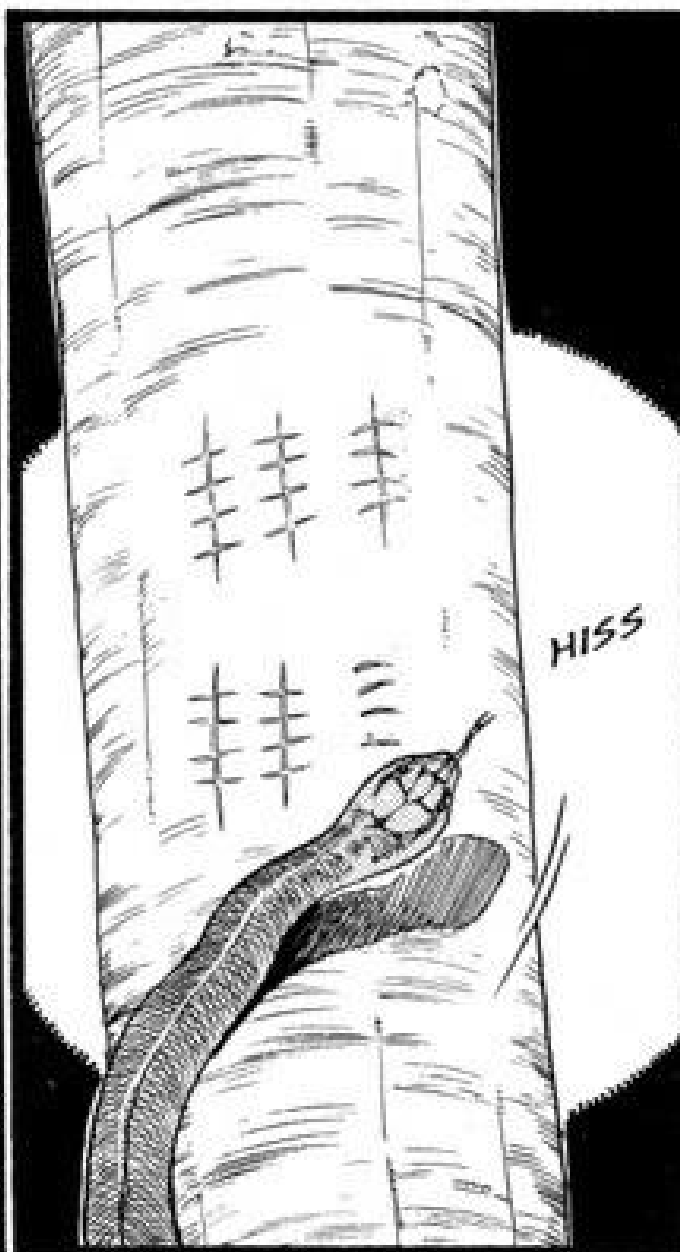
BUT ALL
THOSE
INDIVIDUAL
PARTS COME
TOGETHER
SO THAT
THE WHOLE
CAN
EXIST.

AND THE
CYCLE KEEPS
FLOWING
BECAUSE
ALL OF
NATURE
FOLLOWS
THIS
FUNDAMENTAL
LAW.

...BUT
WHATEVER
IT'S CALLED,
YOU AND I
ARE ONLY A
TINY PART
OF THAT
GREAT
FLOW.

ONE
PART
OF
THE
WHOLE.

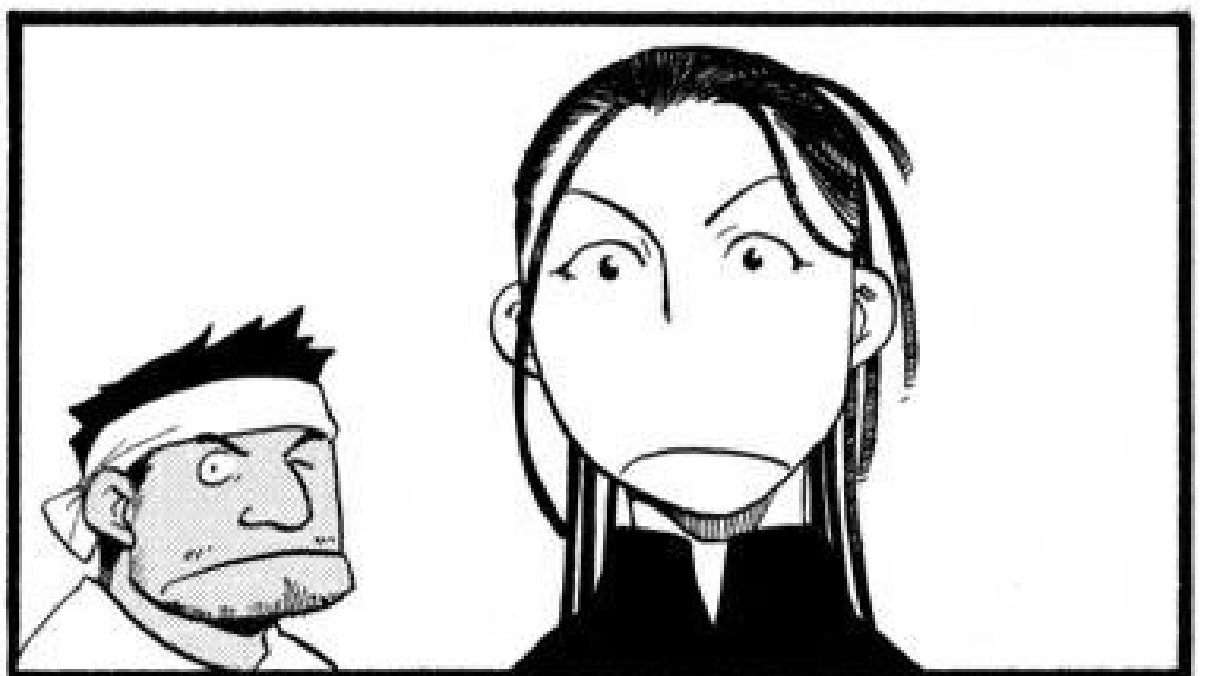


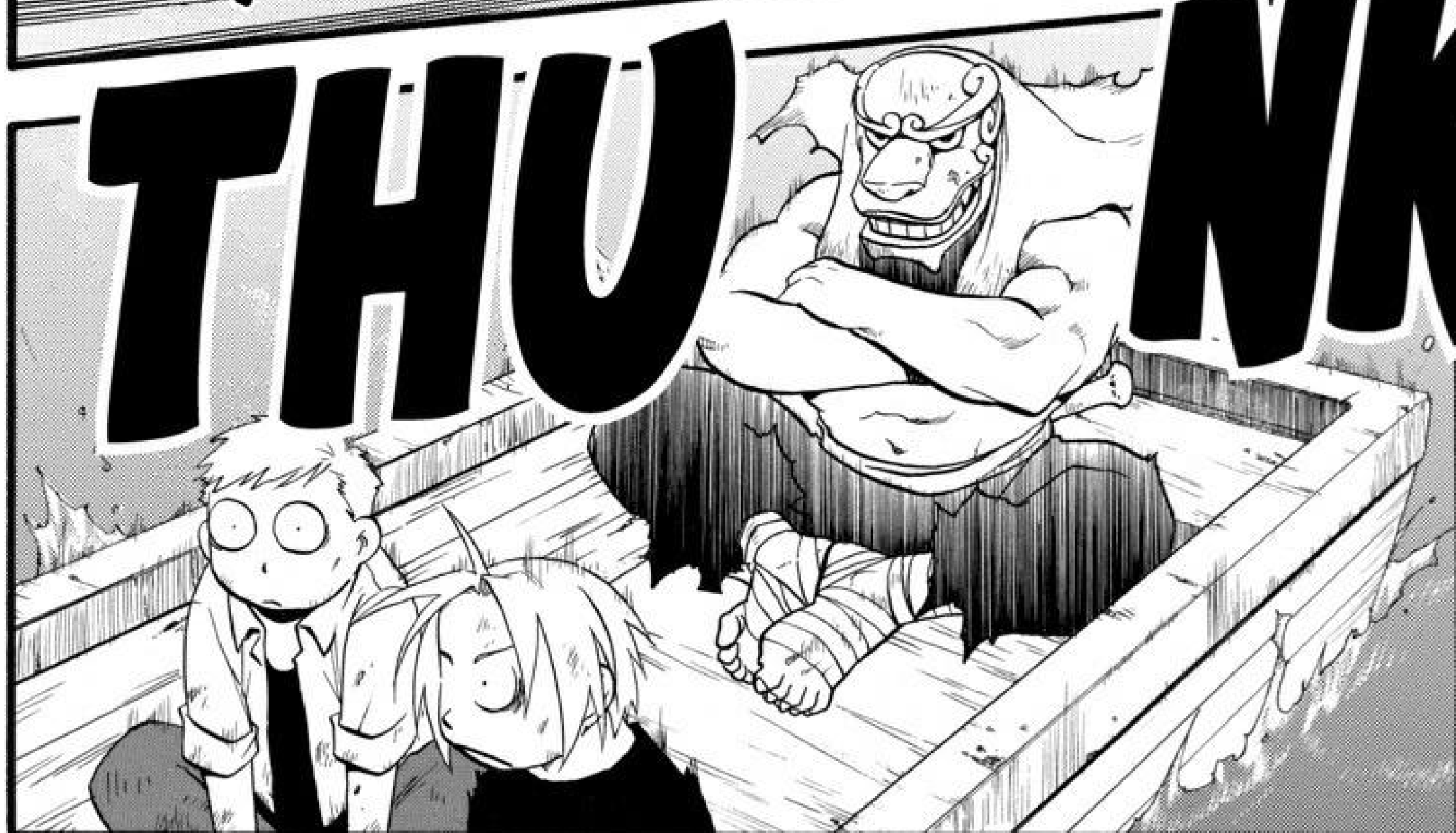
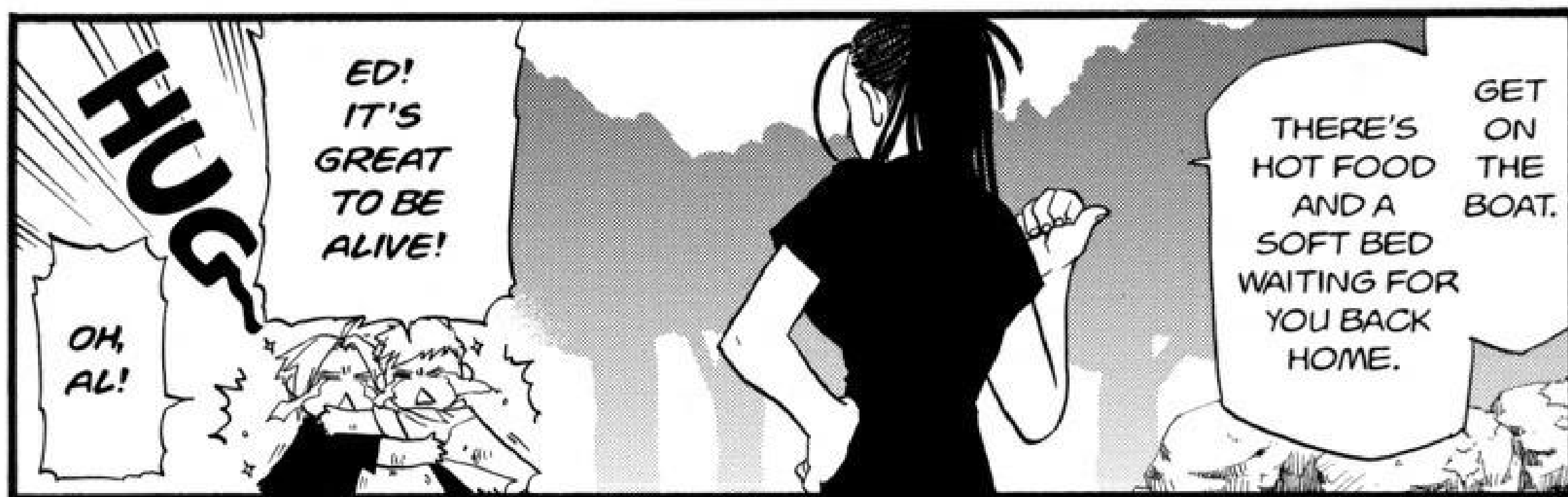


TA-DAA

"ONE"
IS
ME
!

"ALL"
IS
THE
WORLD
!









I HOPE YOU CAN CUT IT.

ANYWAY, NOW THAT I'M YOUR **OFFICIAL** TEACHER, YOUR LESSONS ARE GOING TO GET **MUCH** TOUGHER.



YOU WERE ABLE TO TRAIN YOUR SPIRITS AND BODIES AT THE SAME TIME. IT WAS A MONTH WELL SPENT, WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?

IN ORDER TO TRAIN THE SPIRIT, YOU MUST FIRST TRAIN THE BODY.



I AIN'T AFRAID OF NOTHING !!

LADY, WHATEVER YOU DISH OUT'LL BE A **BREEZE** COMPARED TO WHAT WE HAD TO GO THROUGH ON THAT ISLAND!

HEH !



AND ALWAYS ADDRESS YOUR TEACHER WITH **RE-SPECT** !

BRR
BRR
BRR

TINKLE

I FEEL DEATH'S EMBRACE...

GLUB



BACK FISTI?





FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST